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'7 GIS Ideas' for everyone to use in the geography classroom



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GIS is an important tool for teaching geography so the aim of this session is to present seven ideas that everyone can use in their lessons. Each idea will be presented separately by different members of the GA's ICT Special Interest Group to inspire you to integrate them into your own classroom practice.

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How can we respond to the issues raised in 'Bearings'?

...and help to counter the 'silofication' of GIS?

- Key issues include 'silofication' of knowledge (e.g. procedural knowledge)

'The weakest form of geographical knowledge in almost all schools is procedural knowledge. Leaders rarely consider how to plan a curriculum for procedural knowledge in the same way as they do for substantive knowledge...Pupils are also given few opportunities to develop their skills in using this procedural knowledge, as they do not return to it and practise it until fluent.'

['Getting our bearings: geography subject report' Ofsted 2023](#)

We're not alone...

'procedural [knowledge] is mostly dismissed under the umbrella of 'scientific investigations'.

[Lee Bates \(Biology teacher\)](#)

'By overlooking and reinforcing the bounded perspective of expertise, the conditions that manifest organizational silofication occur.' [Silberman et al 2022 \(Boston University\)](#)

- Similar scenario in geography: Topics classified as 'skills' (see NC and specs)
- Assessment and teaching may conspire in a self-perpetuating spiral of 'silofication'

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Response to Bearings by [@gasigict](#):

[How mapping and the use of GIS enrich geographical thought and action \(The GA Blog 24th January 2024\)](#)

'A general impediment to curriculum progression raised by the 'Getting Our Bearings' report can be a tendency to teach knowledge and skills in a detached way.

Even where GIS is being taught, it can be afflicted by this issue, sometimes referred to as 'silos' (Enser 2021).

Consequently, there have been increasing calls from classroom teachers to find ways to make GIS 'part of the furniture' (Conway and Freeman 2023).'

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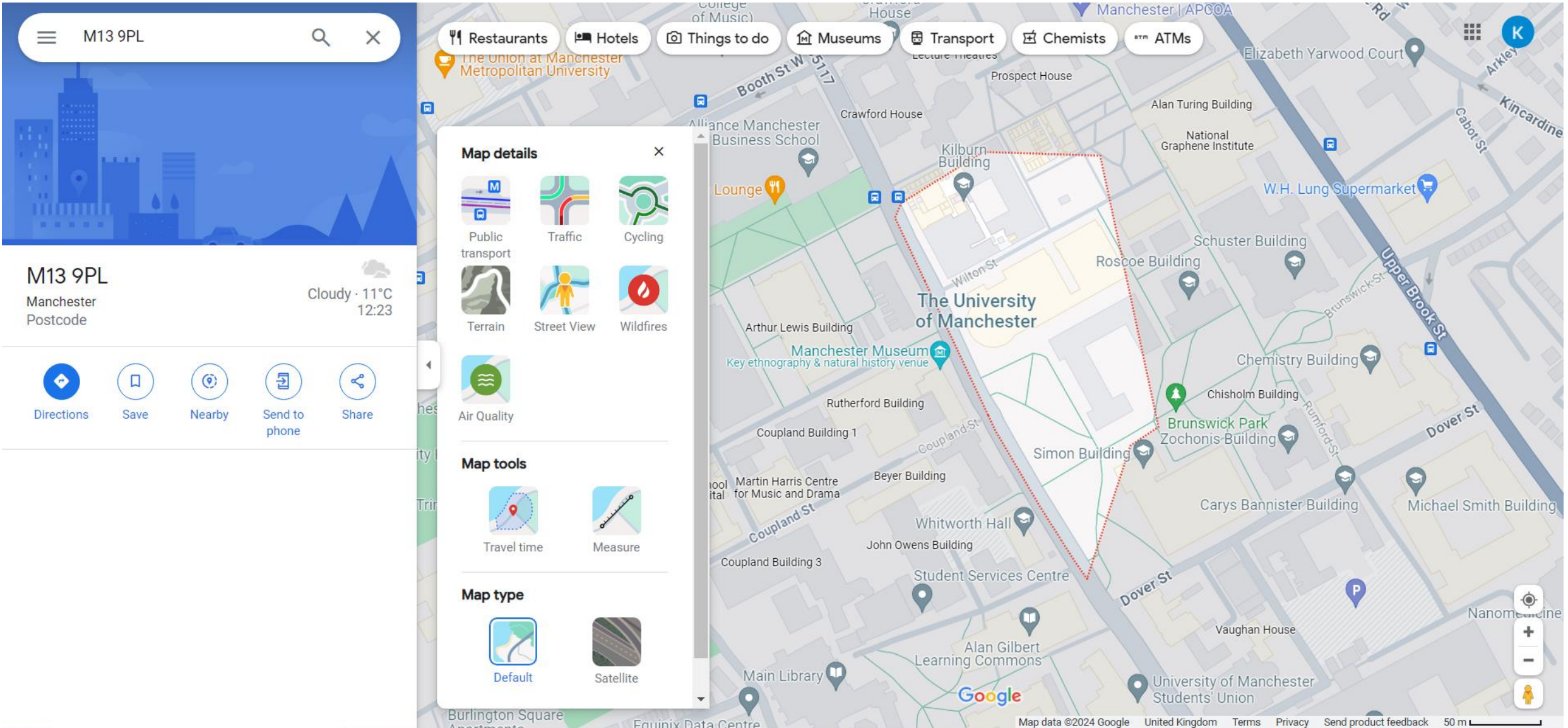
Exploring a locality with digital maps for primary children



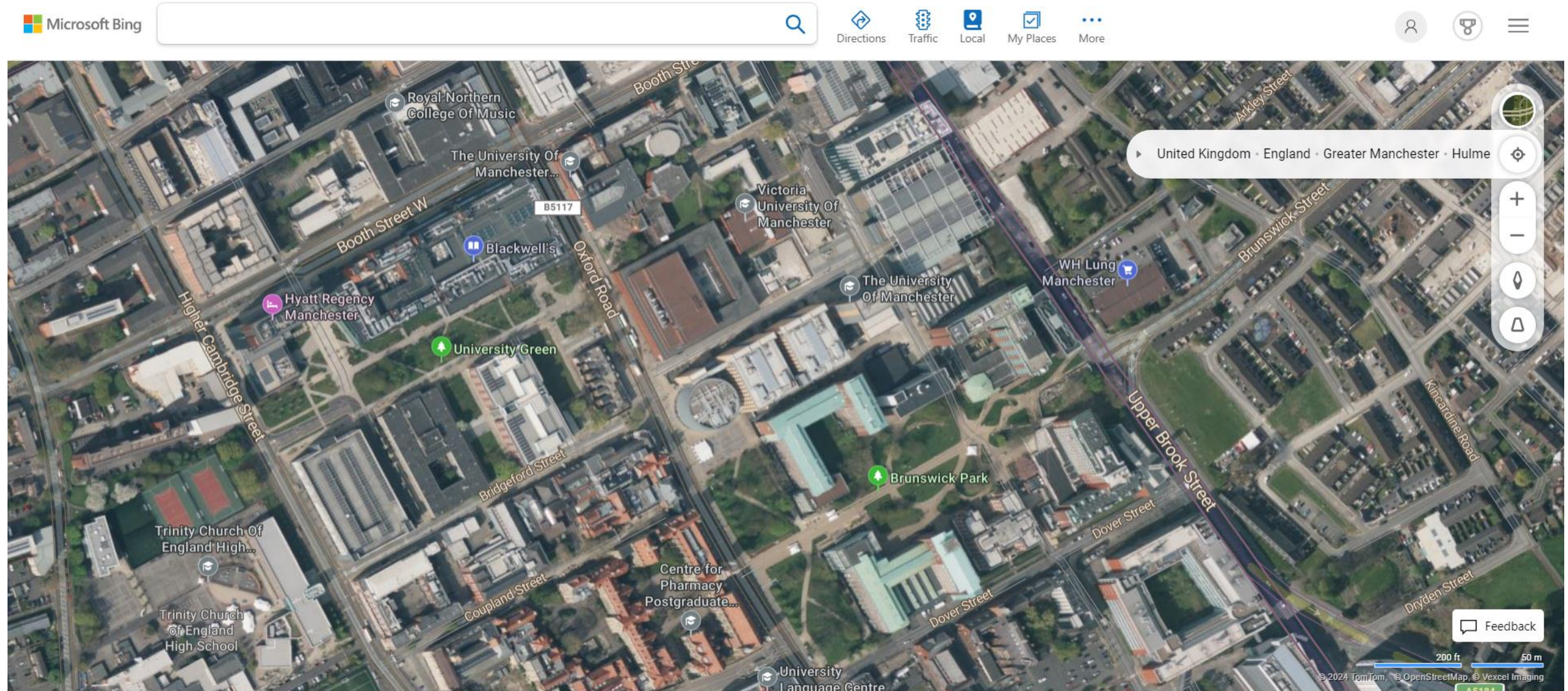
Getting our Bearings: Ofsted subject report – September 2023

- The national curriculum sets out some resources that pupils should become more proficient in using through their schooling. These include **different types of maps**, including **topographical** as well as **topological** maps, **maps at various scales**, and both **digital maps** and maps in hard copy. They also include atlases, globes, **aerial and satellite imagery**, and **GIS**.
- They (subject leaders) were **unaware** of **digital packages** that would have helped them to **teach GIS** if they chose to do so in this phase.

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Bing Maps <https://bing.com/maps/>



Open Street Map openstreetmap.org

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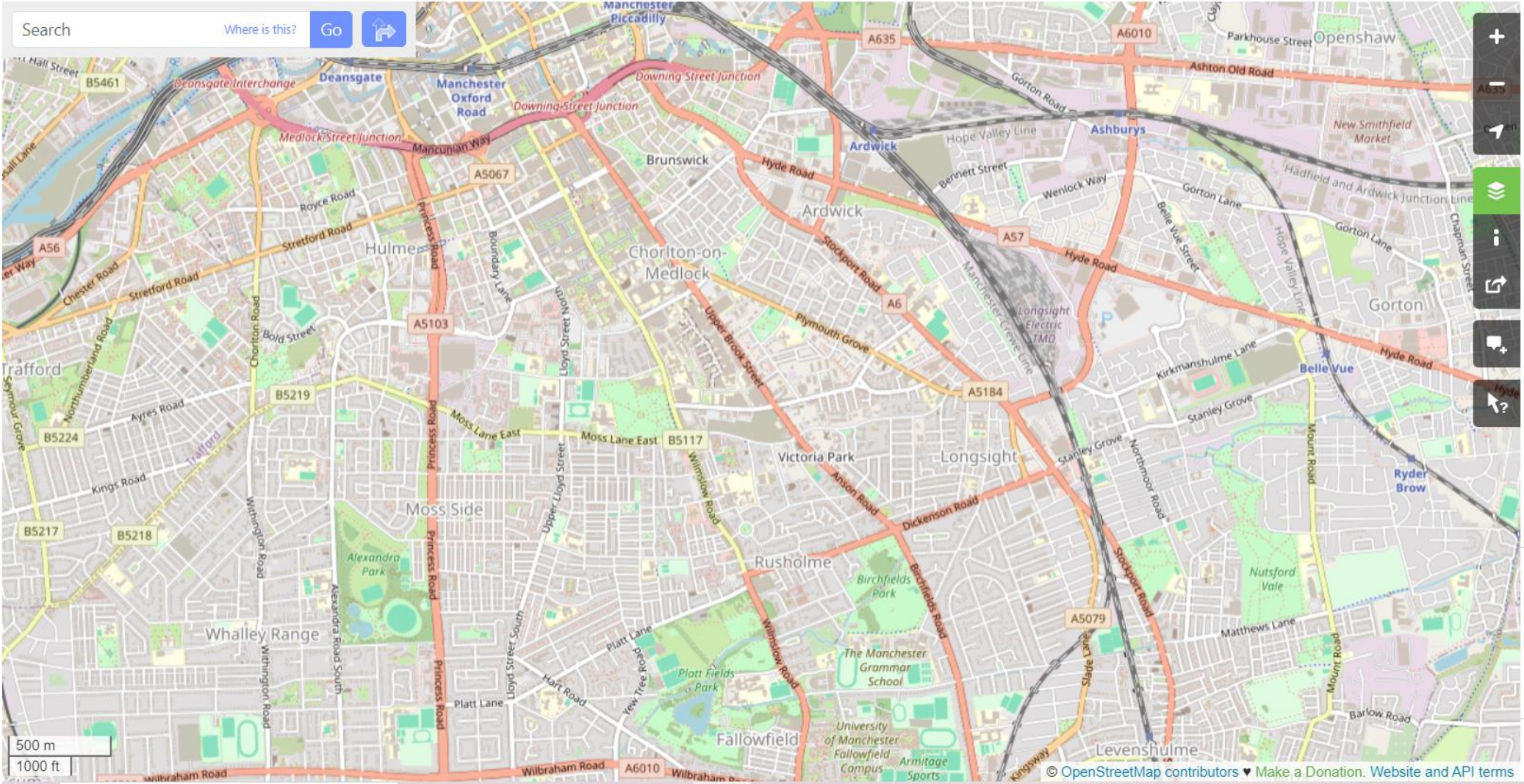
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Website and API terms

Map Maker

<https://mapmaker.nationalgeographic.org/home>

National Geographic and ESRI

The screenshot displays the National Geographic Map Maker web application. The top navigation bar includes the National Geographic logo, the text 'MAPMAKER', a 'Help' link, and the ESRI logo. The main map area shows a street map of Manchester, UK, with labels for various locations such as 'University', 'University of Manchester', 'Manchester Metropolitan University', 'St Augustine's Church', 'Sugden Sports Centre', 'Medlock Primary School', 'Hartfield Close Allotments', 'Brunswick', 'The Manchester Museum', and 'Trinity Church of England High School'. A search bar in the top left contains the text 'm13 9pl'. A 'Measure' tool overlay is visible on the right side of the map, showing a 'Unit' dropdown set to 'Imperial' and a 'Distance' of '1.00 mi'. A 'New measurement' button is located at the bottom of the overlay. At the bottom of the map, there is a toolbar with icons for 'Basemaps', 'Open map', 'Map layers', 'Add layer', 'Legend', 'Measure' (highlighted), 'Sketch', '2D', '3D', 'Bookmarks', and 'Save'. A scale bar in the bottom left corner indicates '500 ft'. The footer text reads: 'Esri Community Maps Contributors, Esri UK, Esri, TomTom, Garmin, Foursquare, GeoTechnologies, Inc, METI/NASA, USGS' and 'Basemap may not reflect National Geographic's current map policy | Powered by Esri'.

ArcGIS My Map and Map Viewer

<https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.html>

Untitled map

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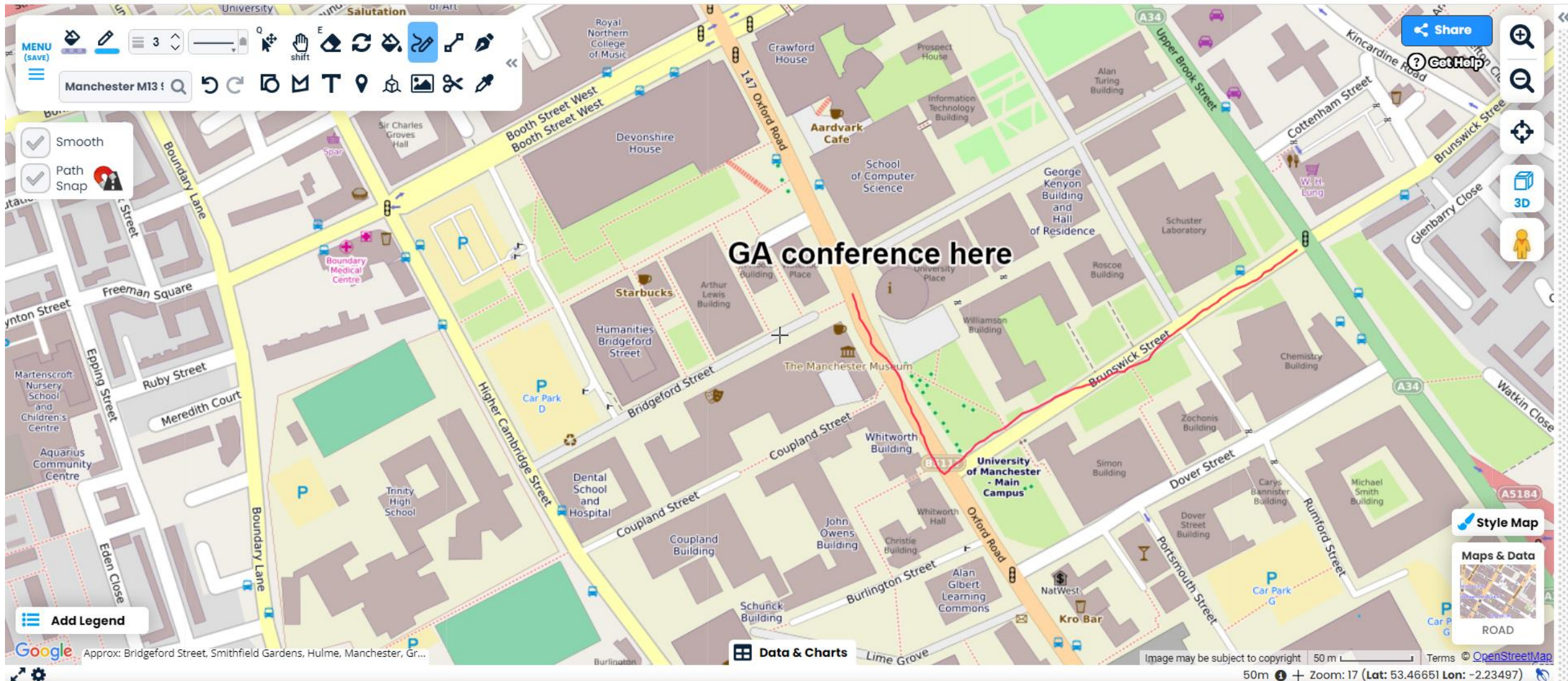
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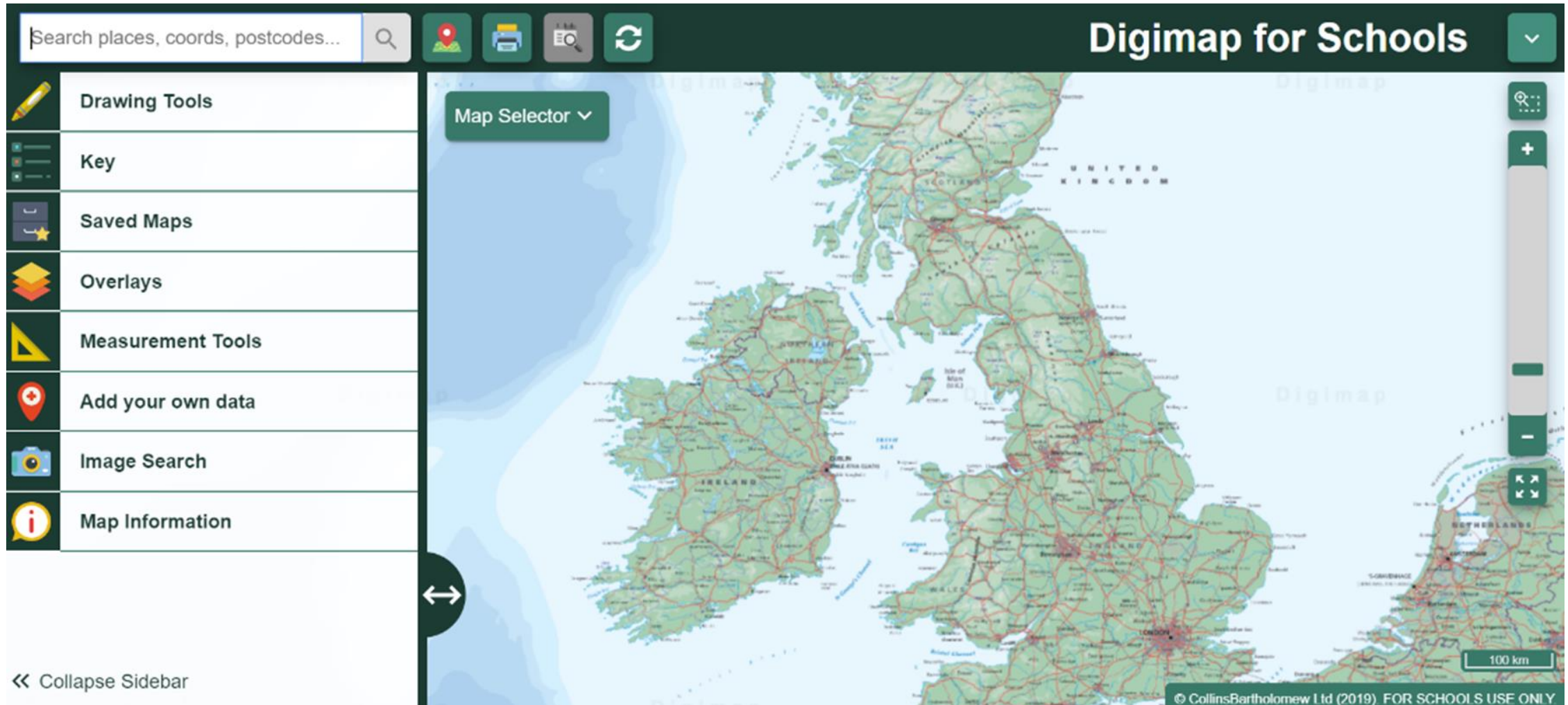
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Scribble Maps <https://www.scribblemaps.com>



DigiMap for Schools – visit OS on Stand 32

<https://digimapforschools.edina.ac.uk/>

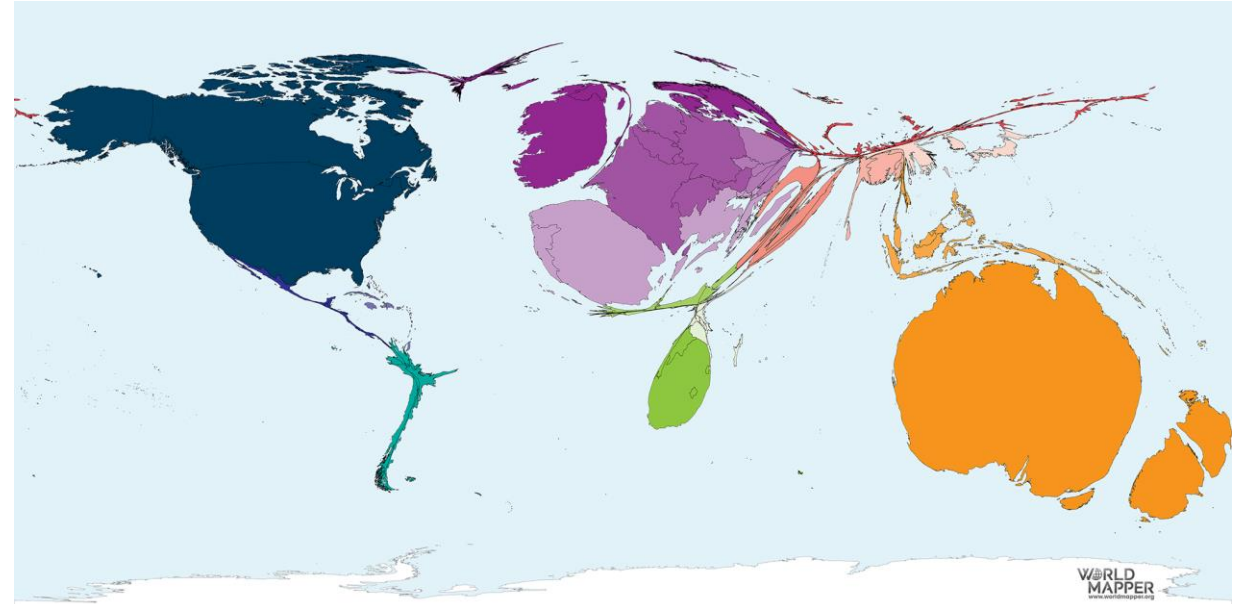
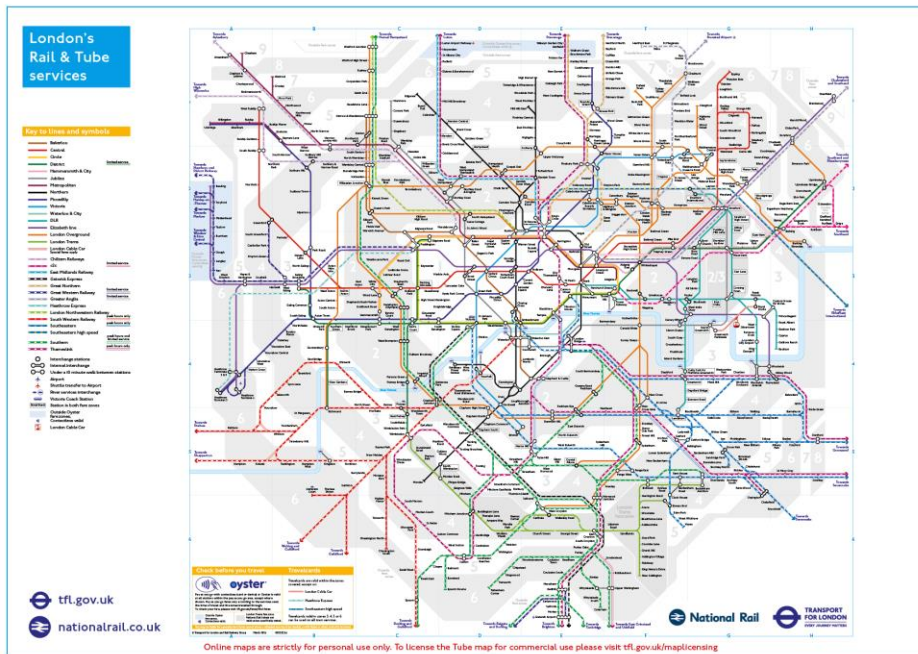


Digital maps skills for primary children to practise

- Search for a place – using post code or placename
- Zoom in and out – to change the scale of map
- Panning – moving the map to see the area around the locality
- Change the type of map – street / aerial / Ordnance Survey
- Adding layers of information or data – street names, places of interest, transport routes
- Measure distances
- Personalising the map – adding routes, photographs, text and labels
- Interpreting what a place is like using a variety of different maps

Topological maps

London underground



World Mapper

Migration from UK 1990 – 2017

<https://worldmapper.org/>

Websites suggested

- Google Maps <https://google.com/maps/>
- Bing Maps <https://bing.com/maps/>
- Open Street Map <https://openstreetmap.org>
- Map Maker <https://mapmaker.nationalgeographic.org/home>
- ArcGIS My Map and Map Viewer
<https://www.arcgis.com/home/webmap/viewer.htm>
<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/mapviewer/index.html>
- Scribble maps <https://www.scribblemaps.com/>
- DigiMap for Schools <https://digimapforschools.edina.ac.uk/>
- WorldMapper <https://worldmapper.org>

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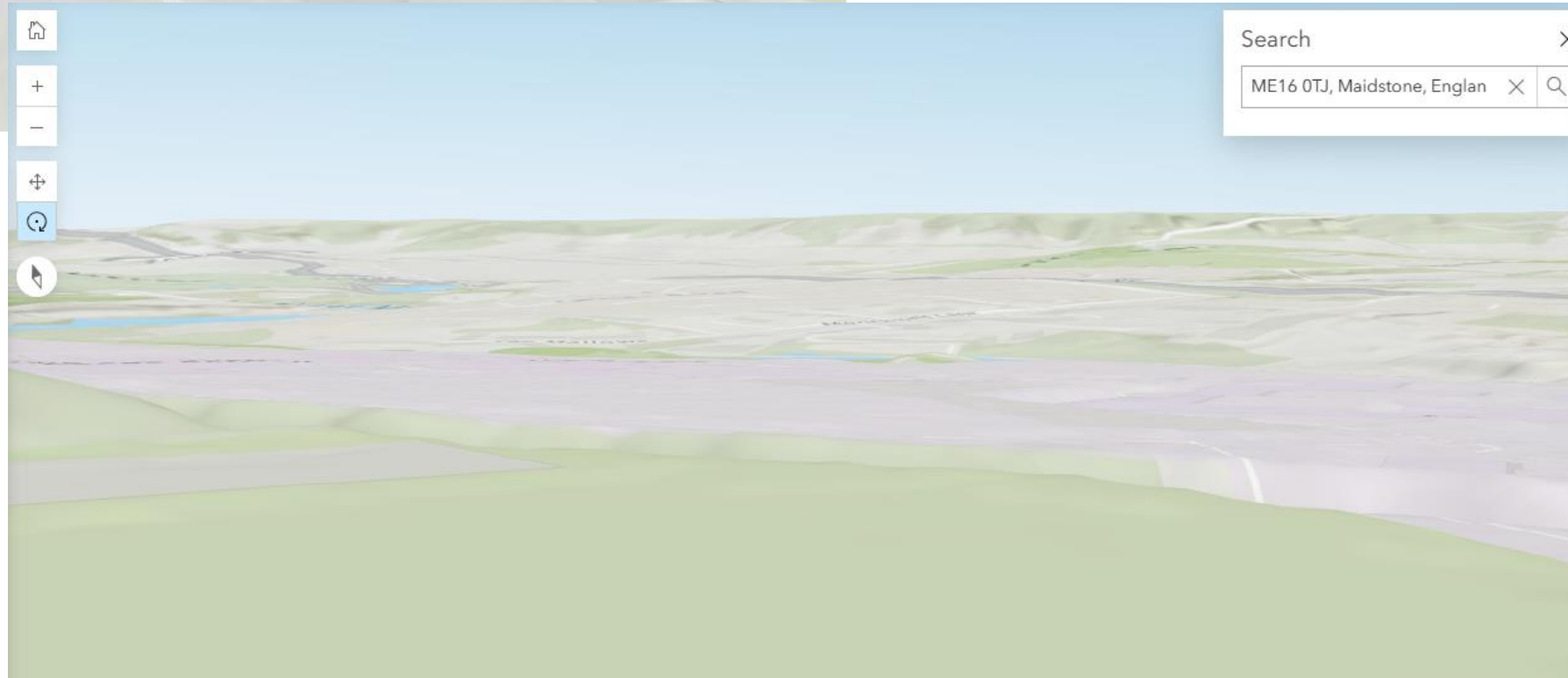
Quick ways with 3D scenes

Heidi Quenby

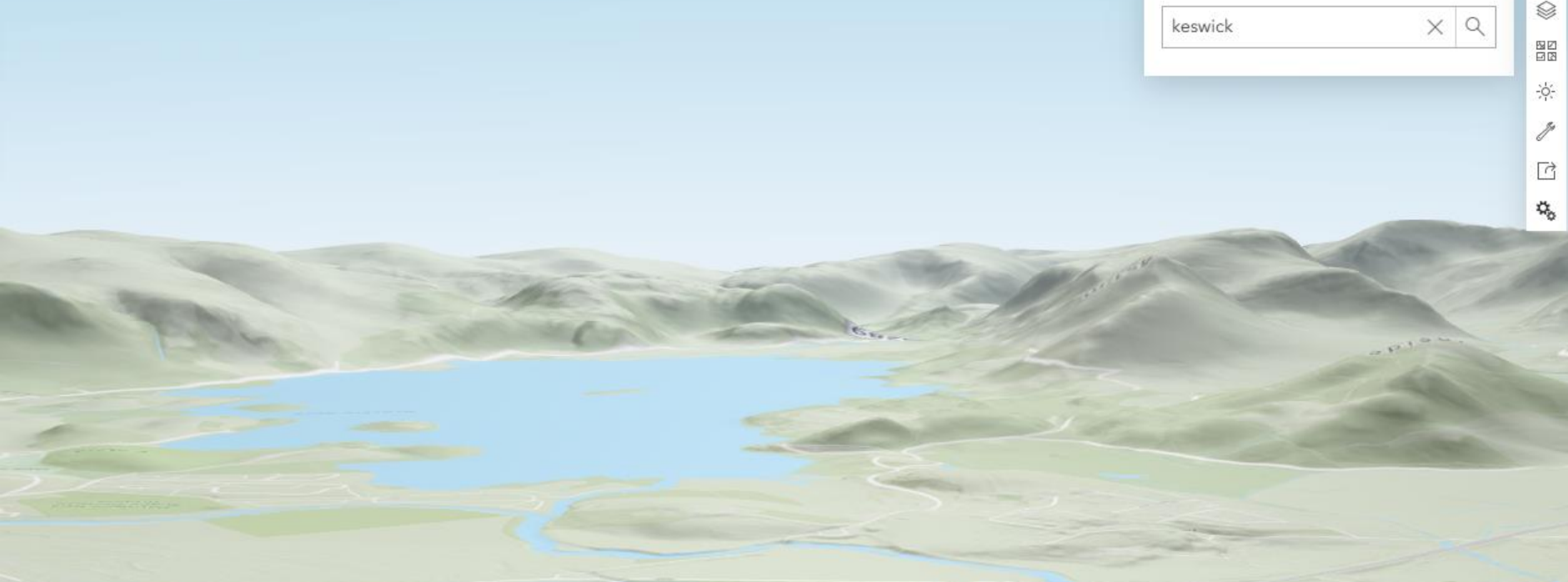
ArcGIS scene viewer

- No account needed for any of the following features
- Good introduction to topography (and understanding features as a result)
- Can be used at all ages
- Can be front of class or can give to students to investigate

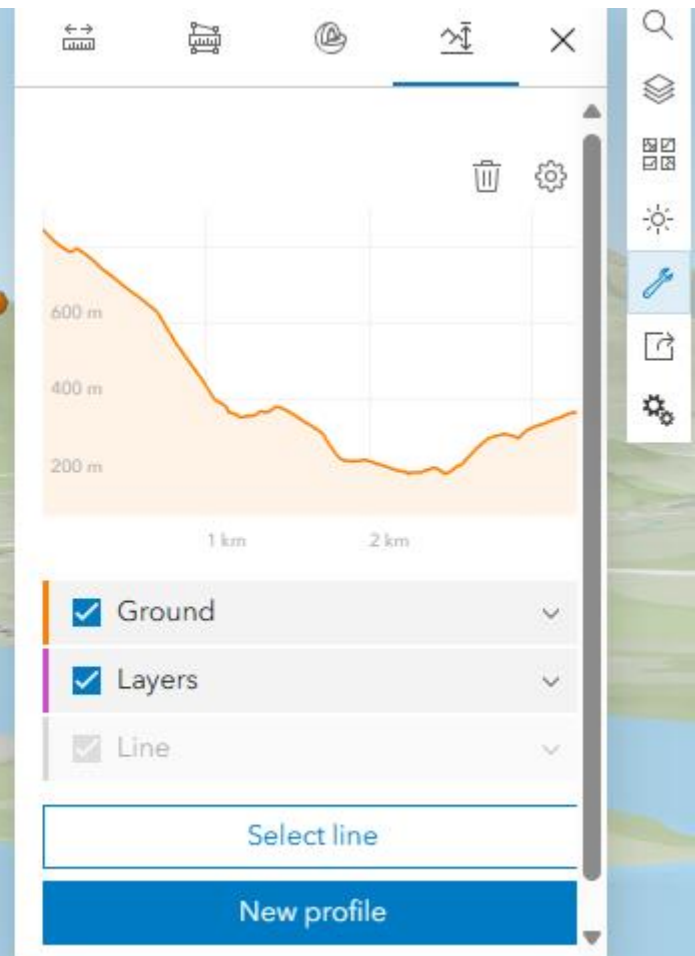
But... be aware of building distortion when using imagery

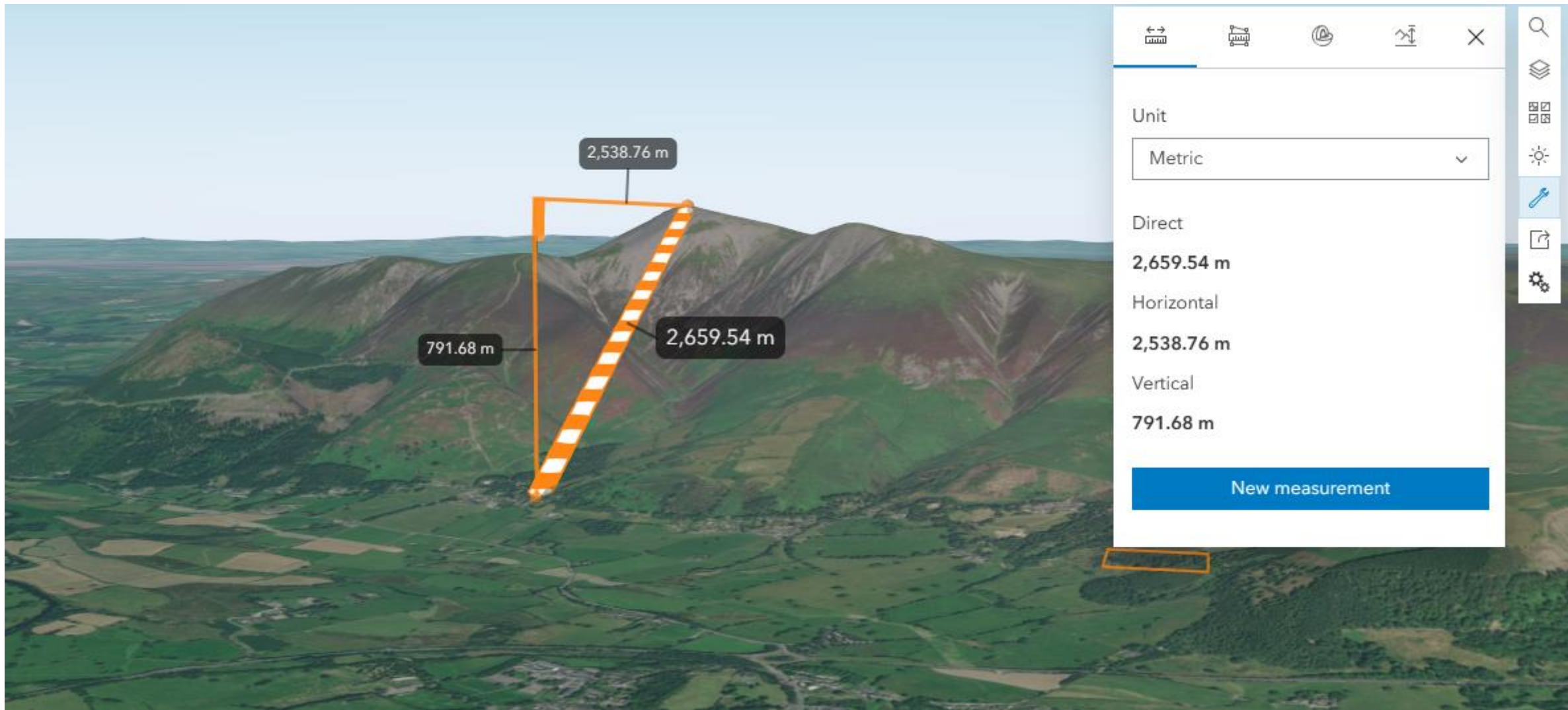






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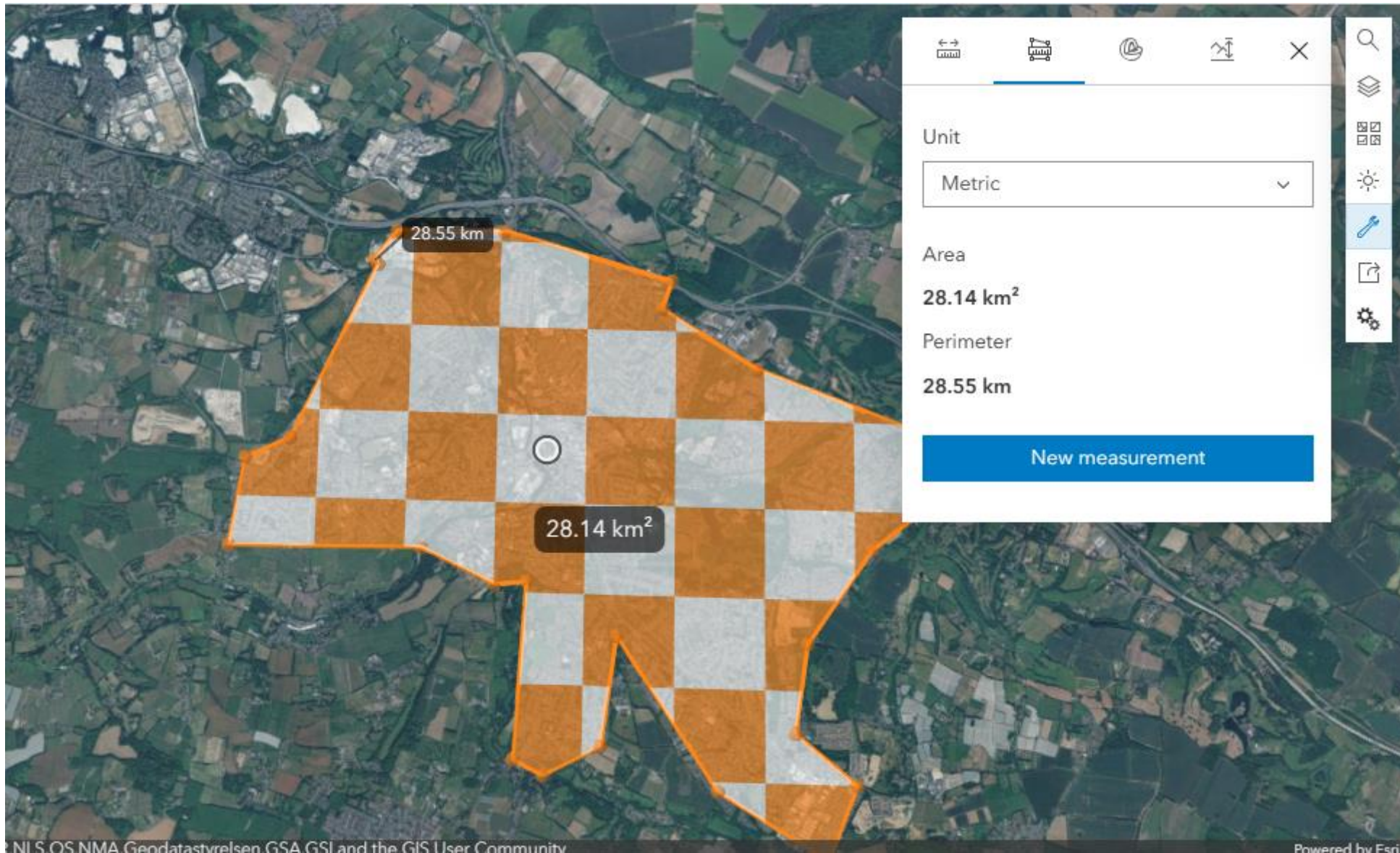
Horizontal

2,538.76 m

Vertical

791.68 m

New measurement



ArcGIS login

- Logging in allows you to save some of these as slides and review as a presentation.
- Can then present at front of class or could change the sharing level and provide link for students' own investigations



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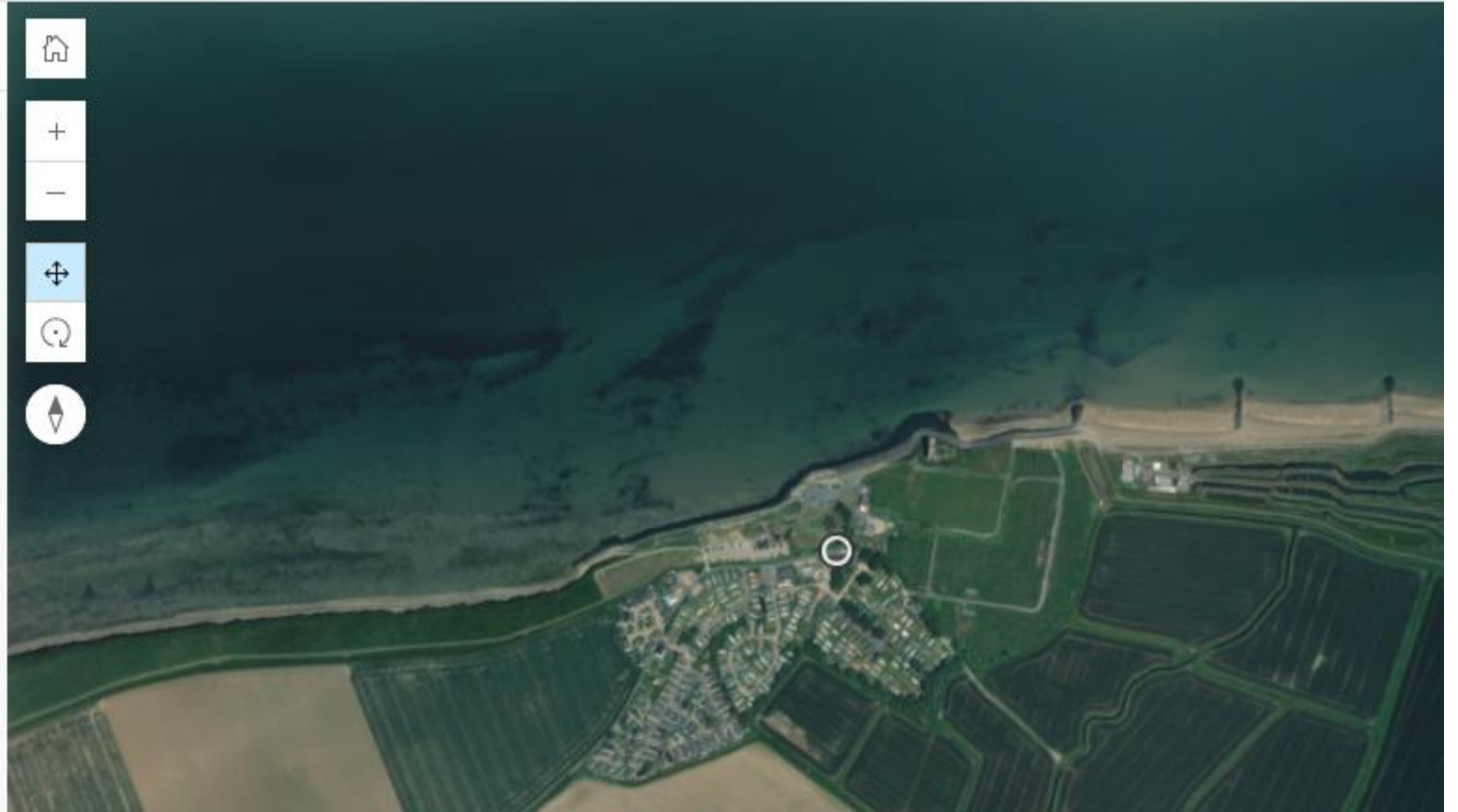
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Slide 1



Capture slide



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My scene

Browse layers

ArcGIS web service

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CSV

Line of sight

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Browse layers

ArcGIS Online

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BGS 625k Geology

Feature Layer

1 Dec 2022

British Geological Survey

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BGS Bedrock and Superficial Geology

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7 Feb 2020

LivingVillages4

Add

UK Geology 1:625k Scale - Bedrock

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Jason Sawle

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BASE_TERM	Siliciclastic
ENVIRONMENT	A river, coastal or marine environment
ERA	Cenozoic
HEX_COLOR	#FD9A52
LEX_RCS	TAB-SSCL
LITHOLOGY	Sand, Silt And Clay
Lithostratigraphy	Thanet Sand Formation
PERIOD	Palaeogene
PERIOD_TYPE	Palaeogene -

[Reculver \(arcgis.com\)](https://www.arcgis.com)

Google Earth

- Need to use a drive to create a similar presentation
- Imagery can be better in places – but it still doesn't work with tall buildings (eg the Reculver church towers)
- Each slide needs to be based on a place marker – these seem to stay throughout the presentation (could become an overload?)
- Allows you to use google street view

reculver



Slideshow

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Reculver



Heidi Quenby

Saved to Google Drive



Reculver

Rock armour

Sea wall

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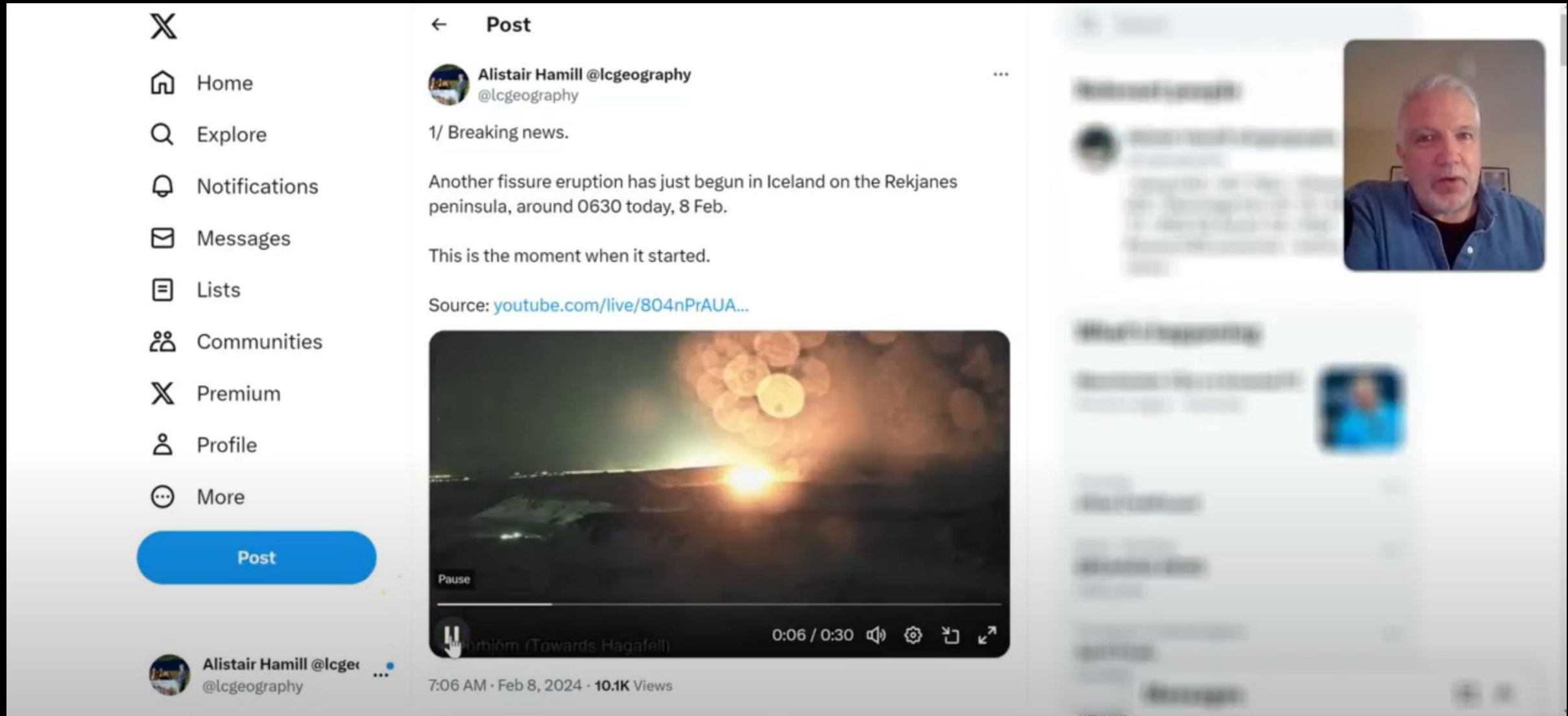
Reculver Ln





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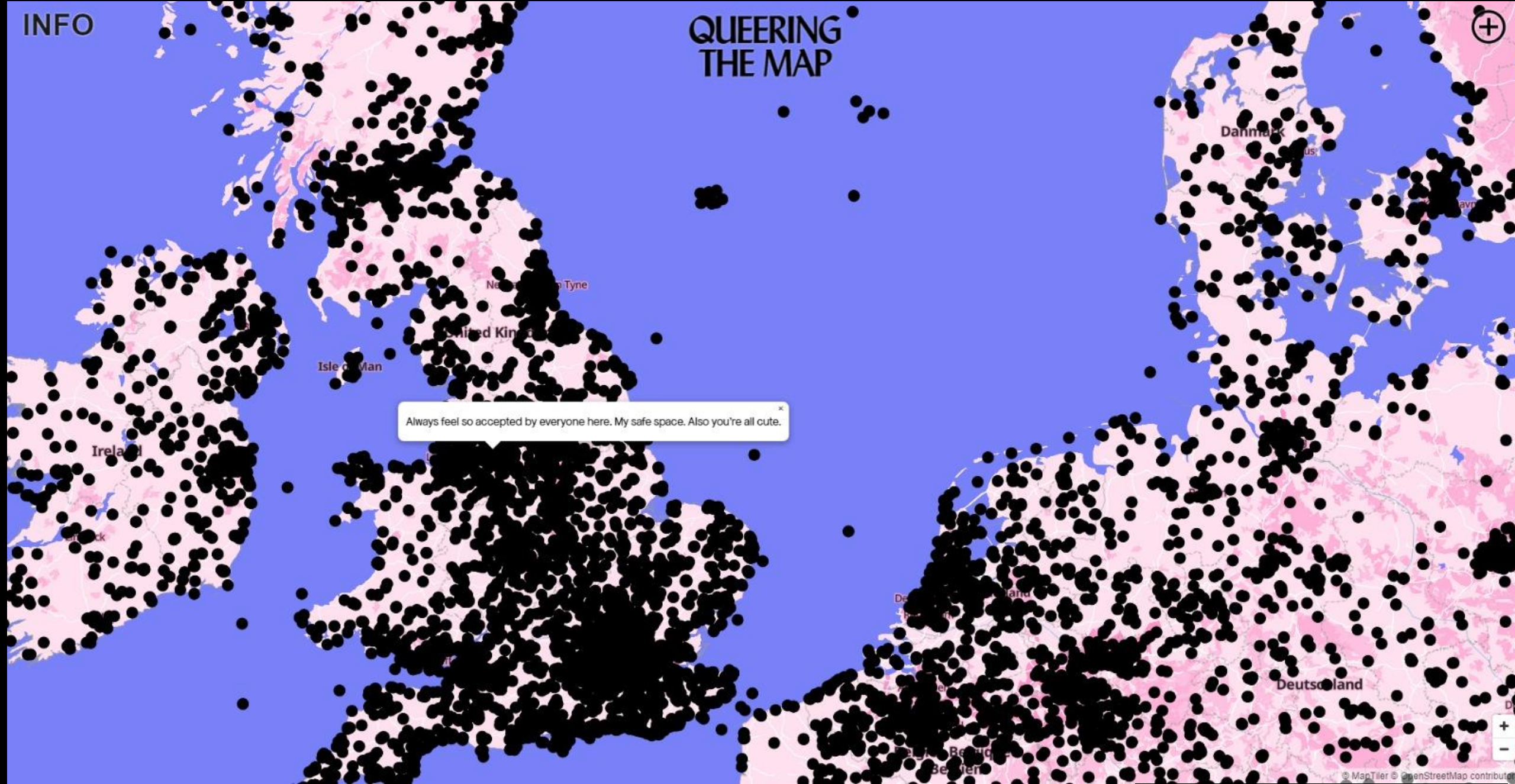
Using Sentinel Hub to observe the ongoing eruptions in Iceland



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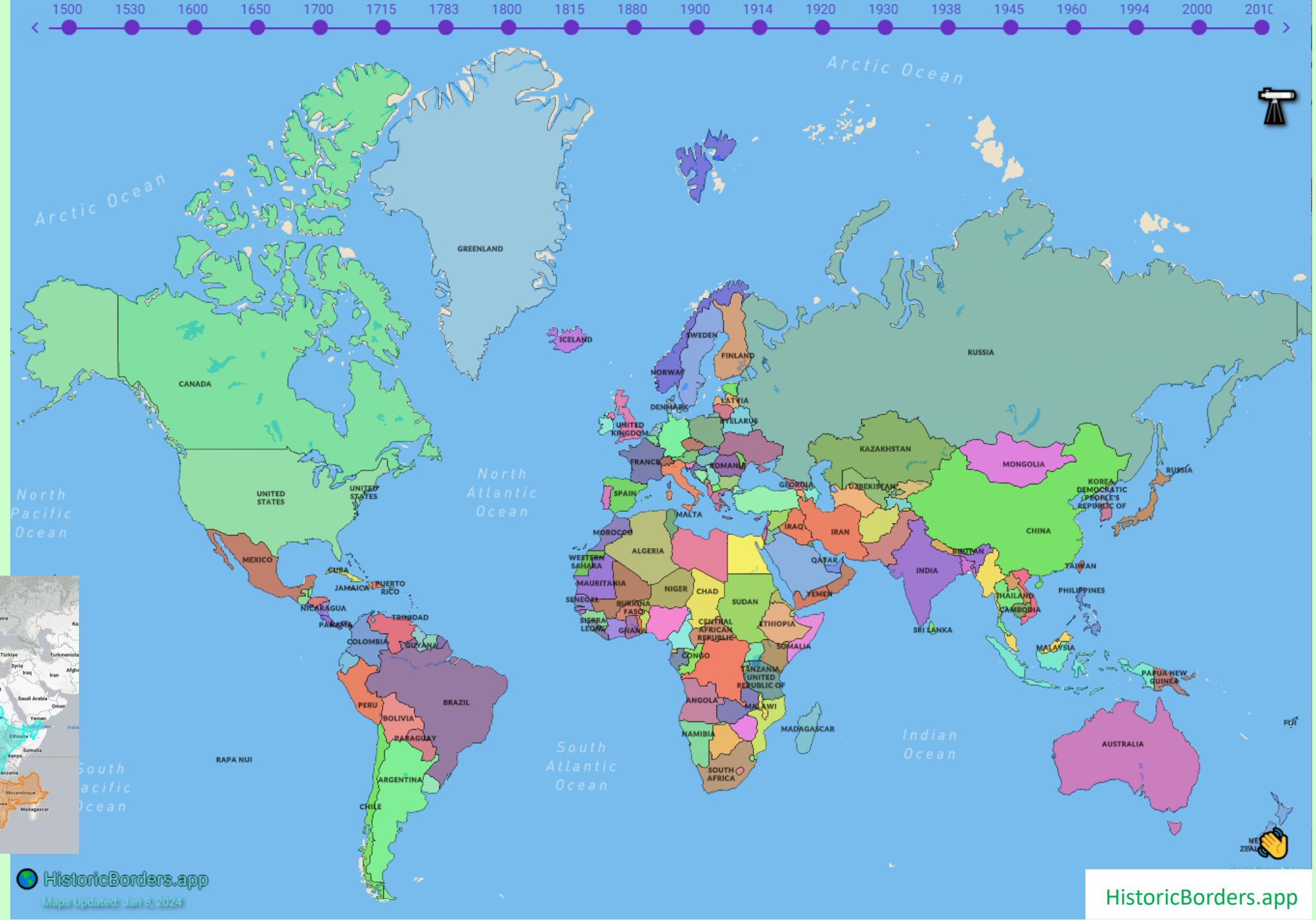
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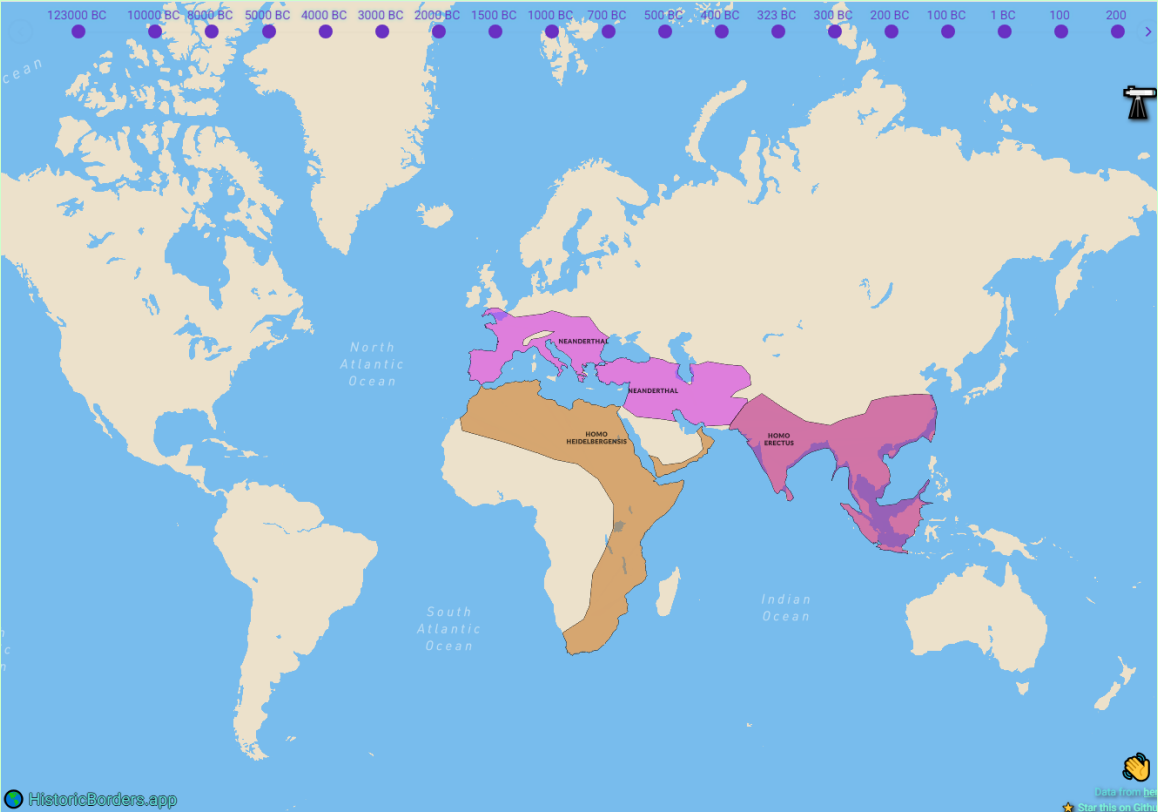
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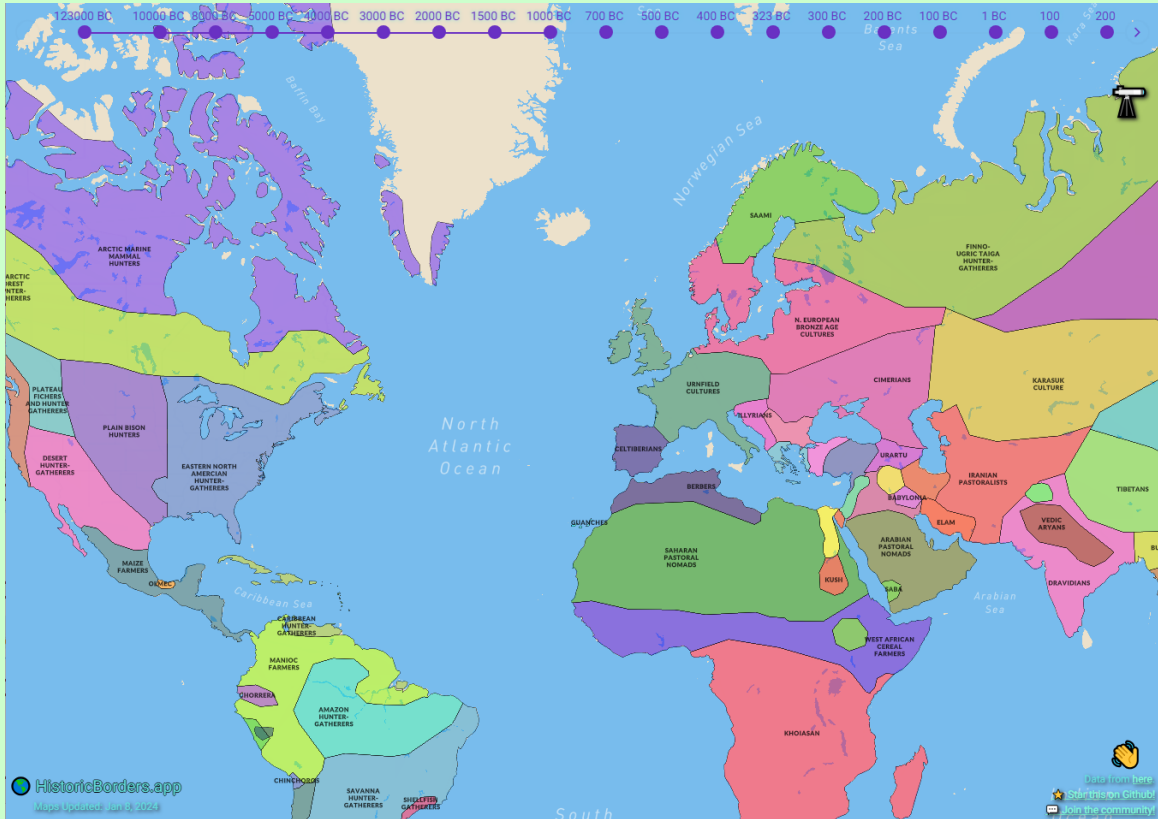
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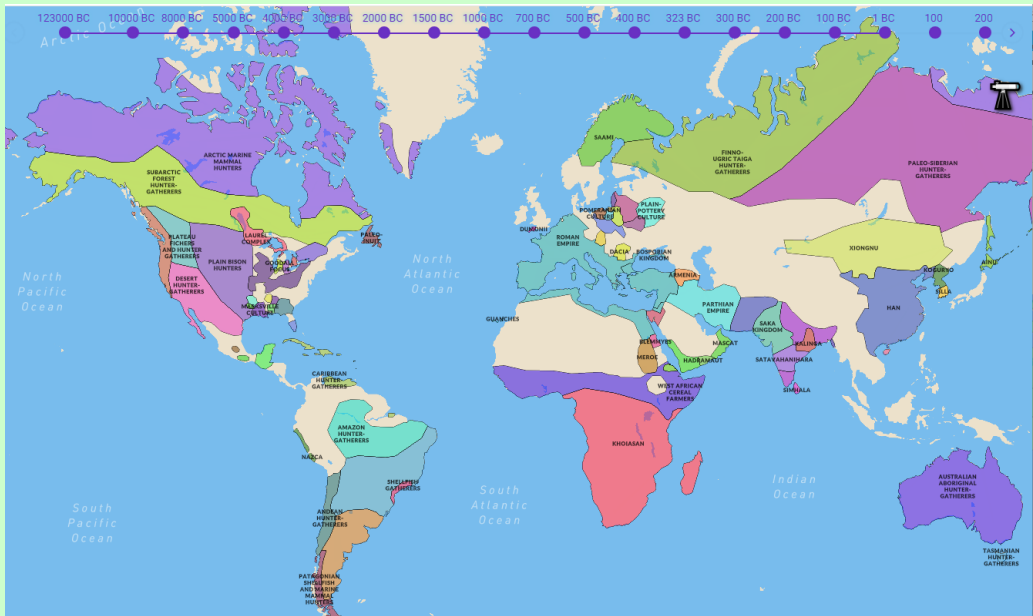
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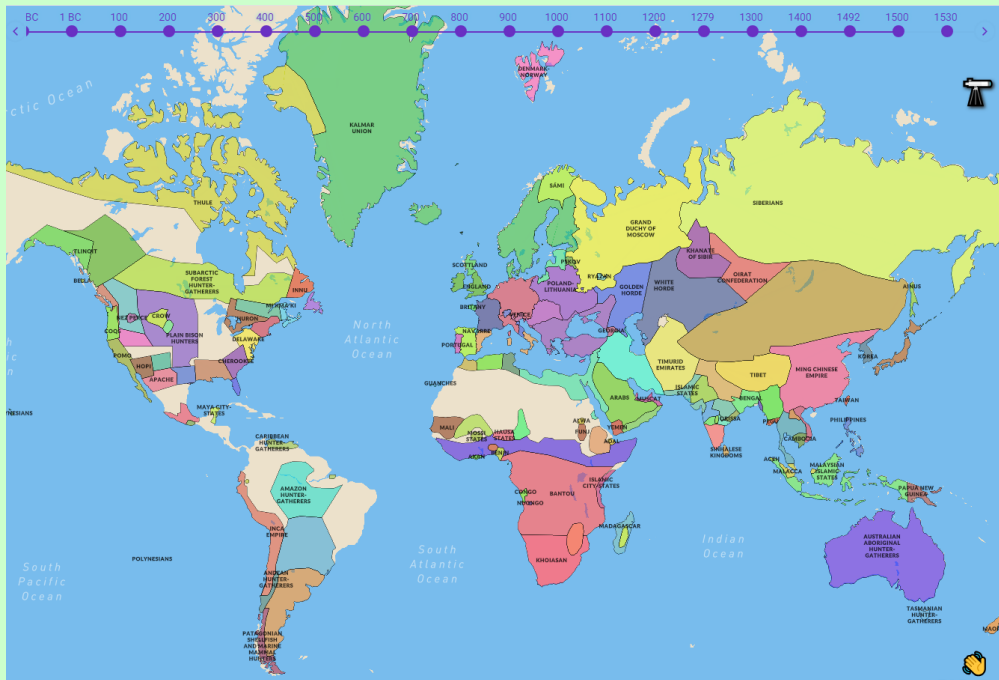
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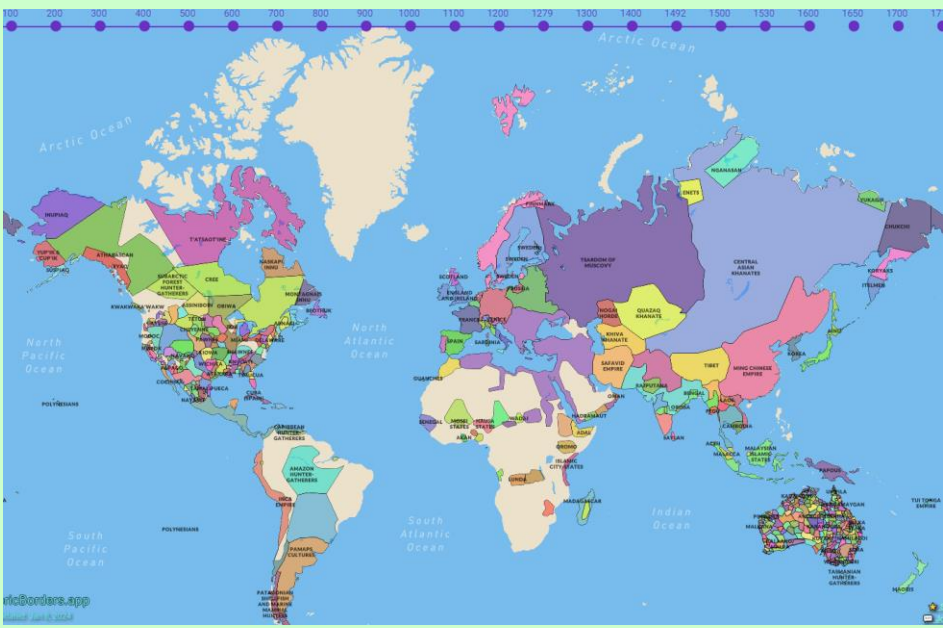
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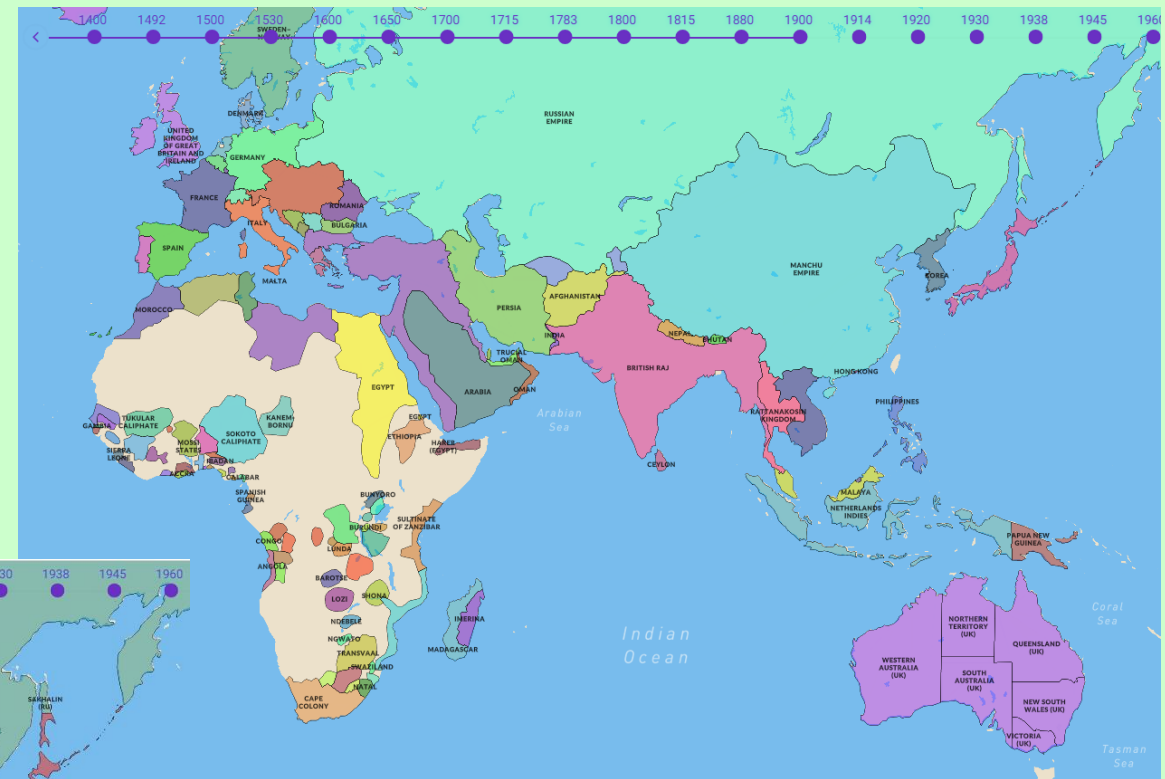
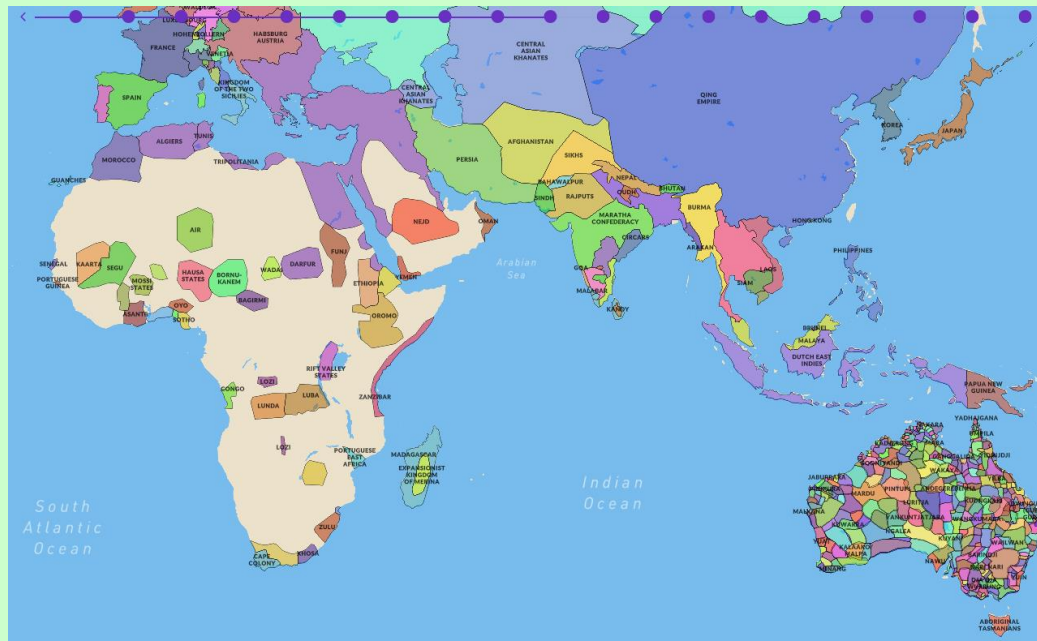
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HistoricBorders.app

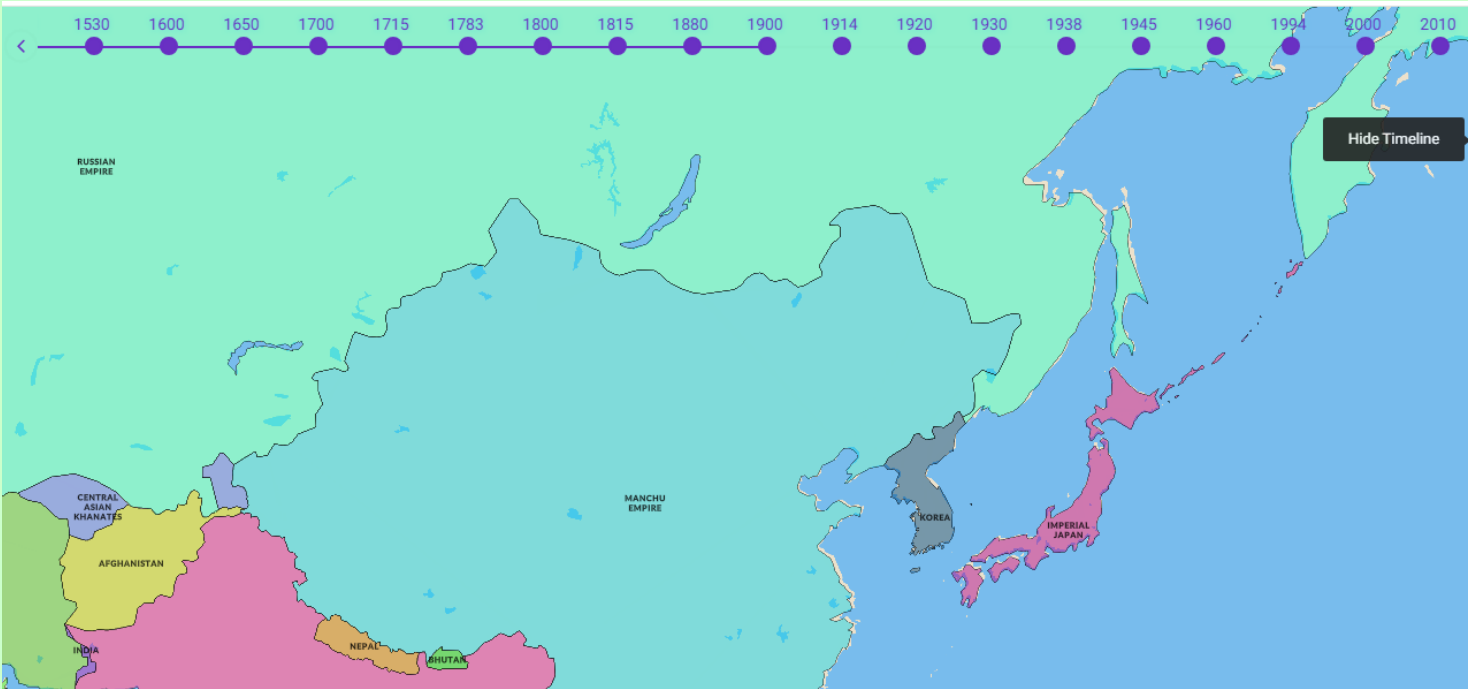
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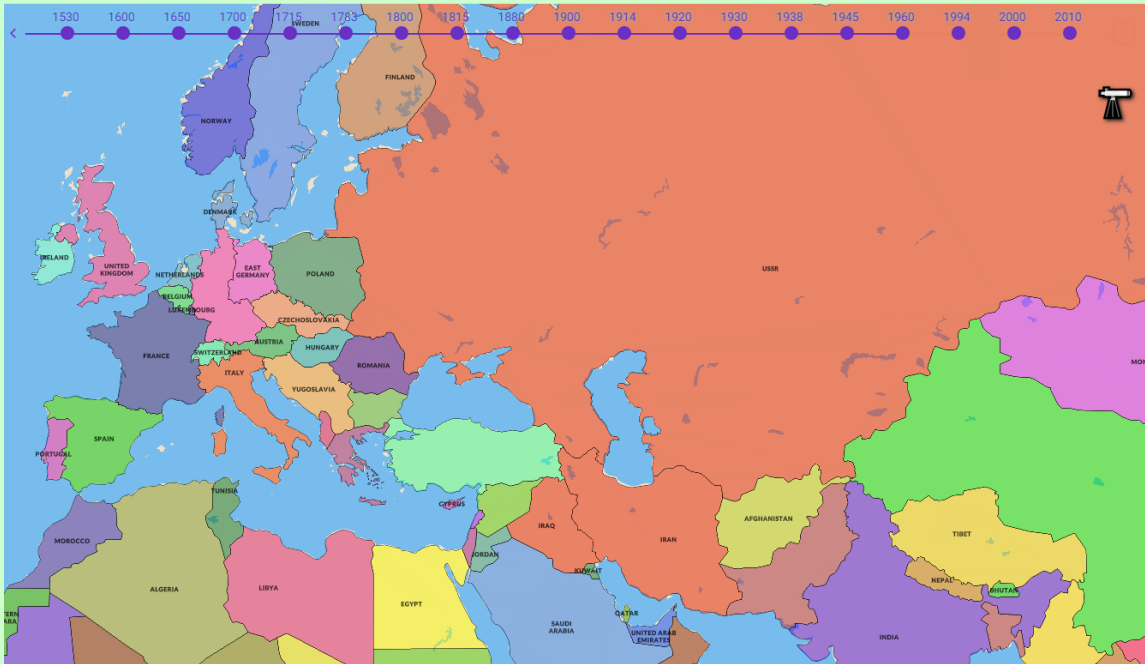
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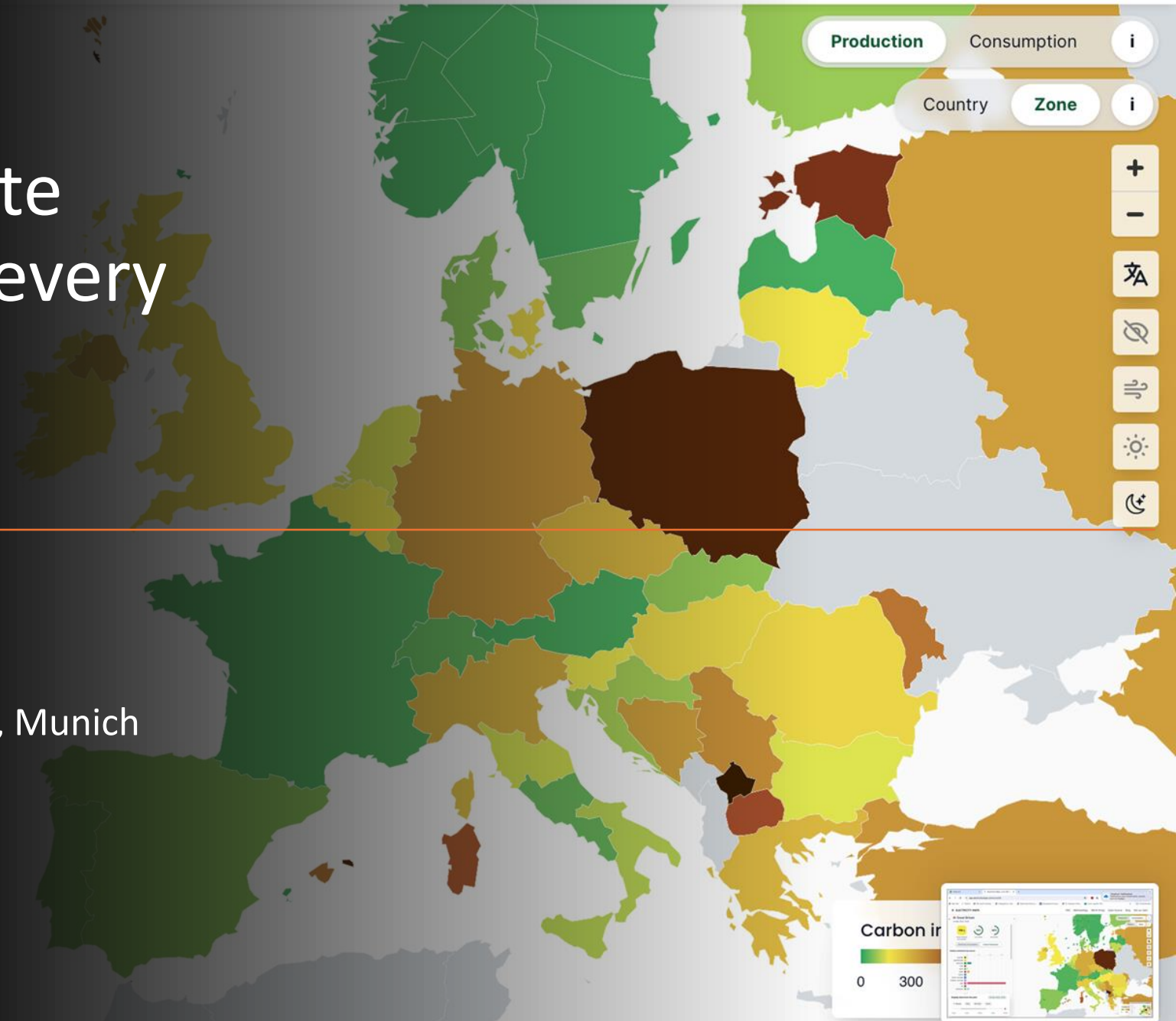
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Easy ways to integrate REAL-TIME GIS into every lesson

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Teacher of Geography

St.George's British International School, Munich



Rationale

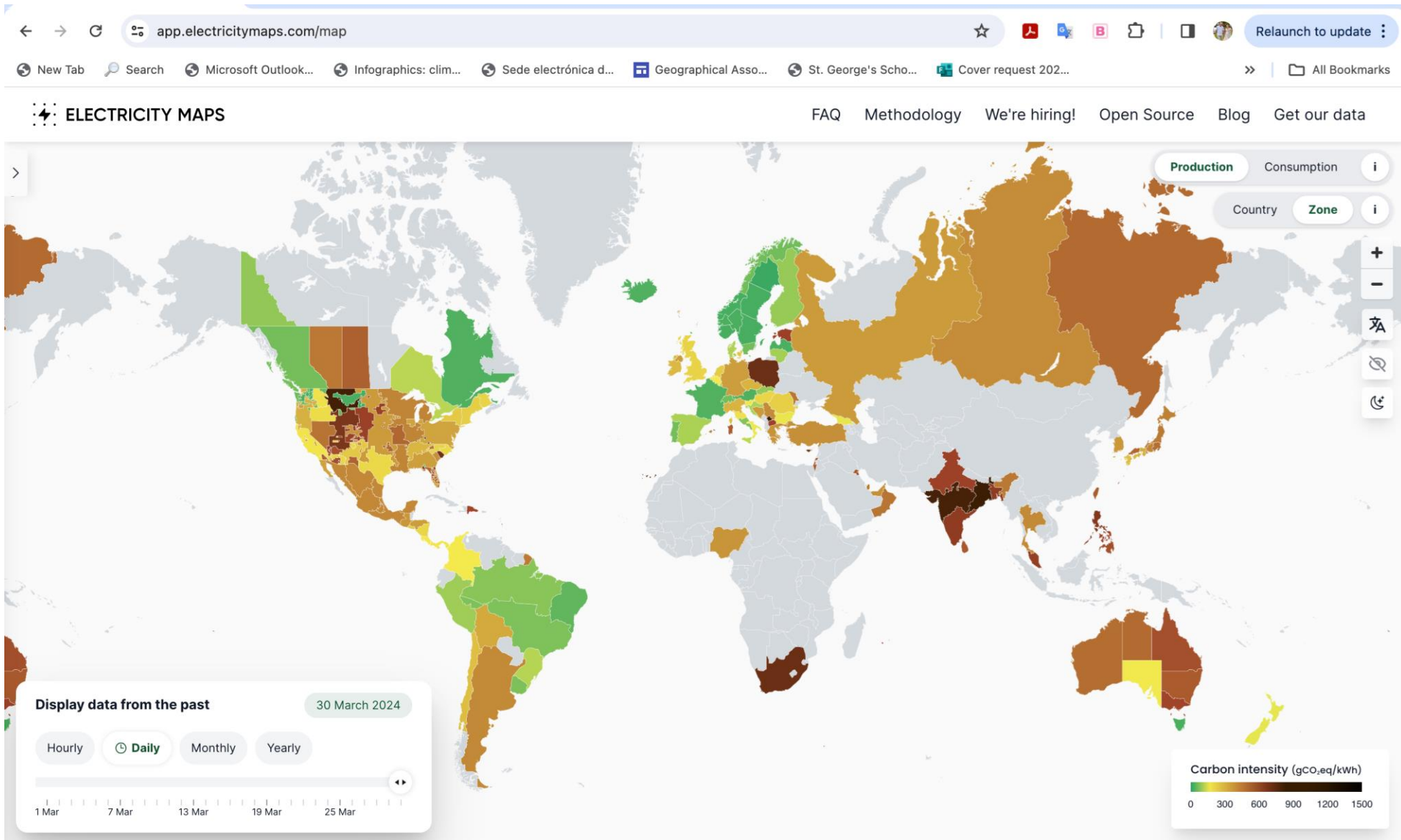
- Many teachers don't know where to start with GIS
- Not sure how to integrate GIS into lessons
- Real-time GIS offers dynamic and interactive learning experiences for students
- It provides current, relevant data, fostering a deeper understanding of geographical concepts
- Engages students by connecting classroom learning with real-world applications
- Enhances critical thinking, problem-solving, and spatial analysis skill development

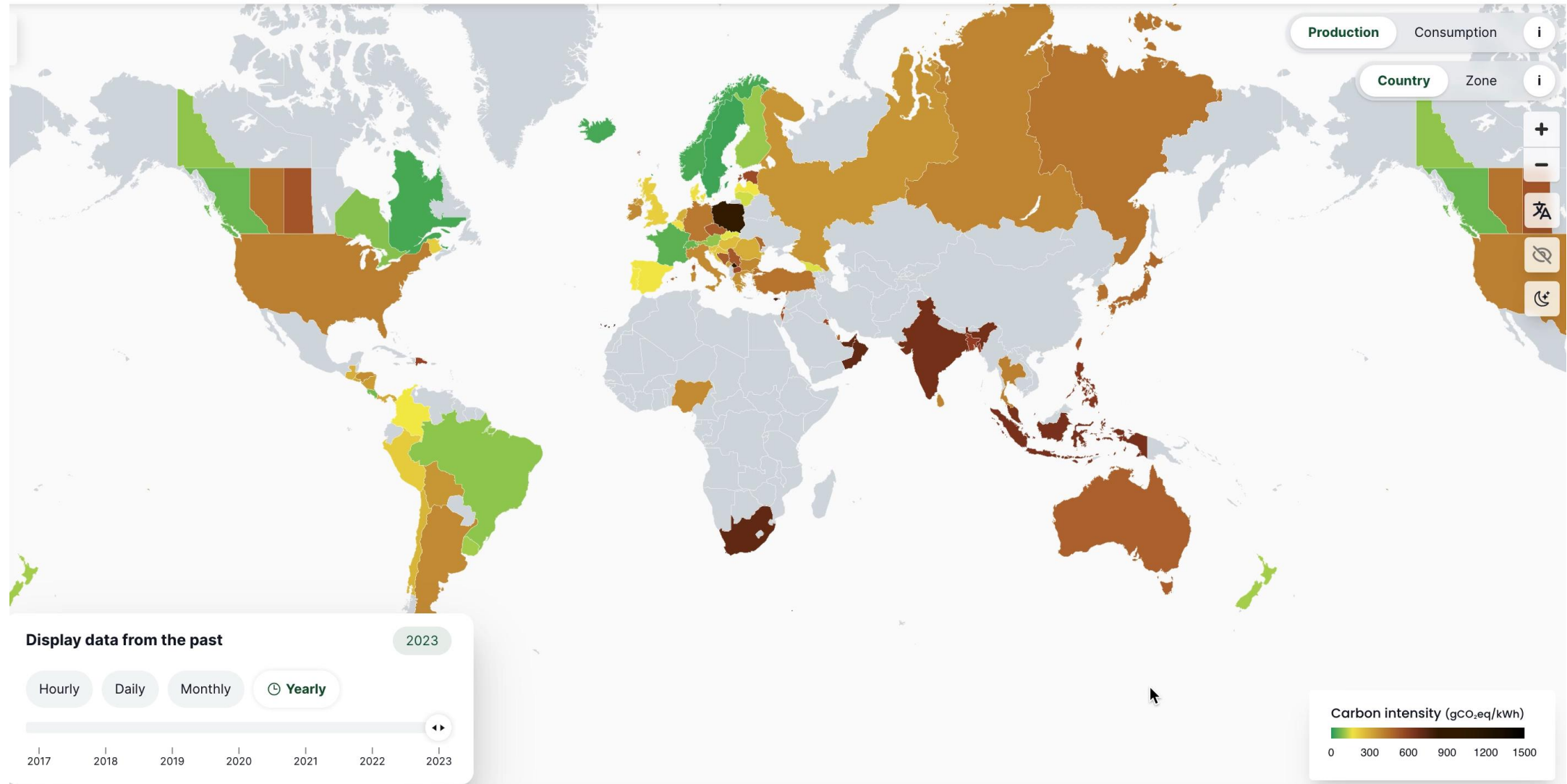
Many examples also in the form of Apps

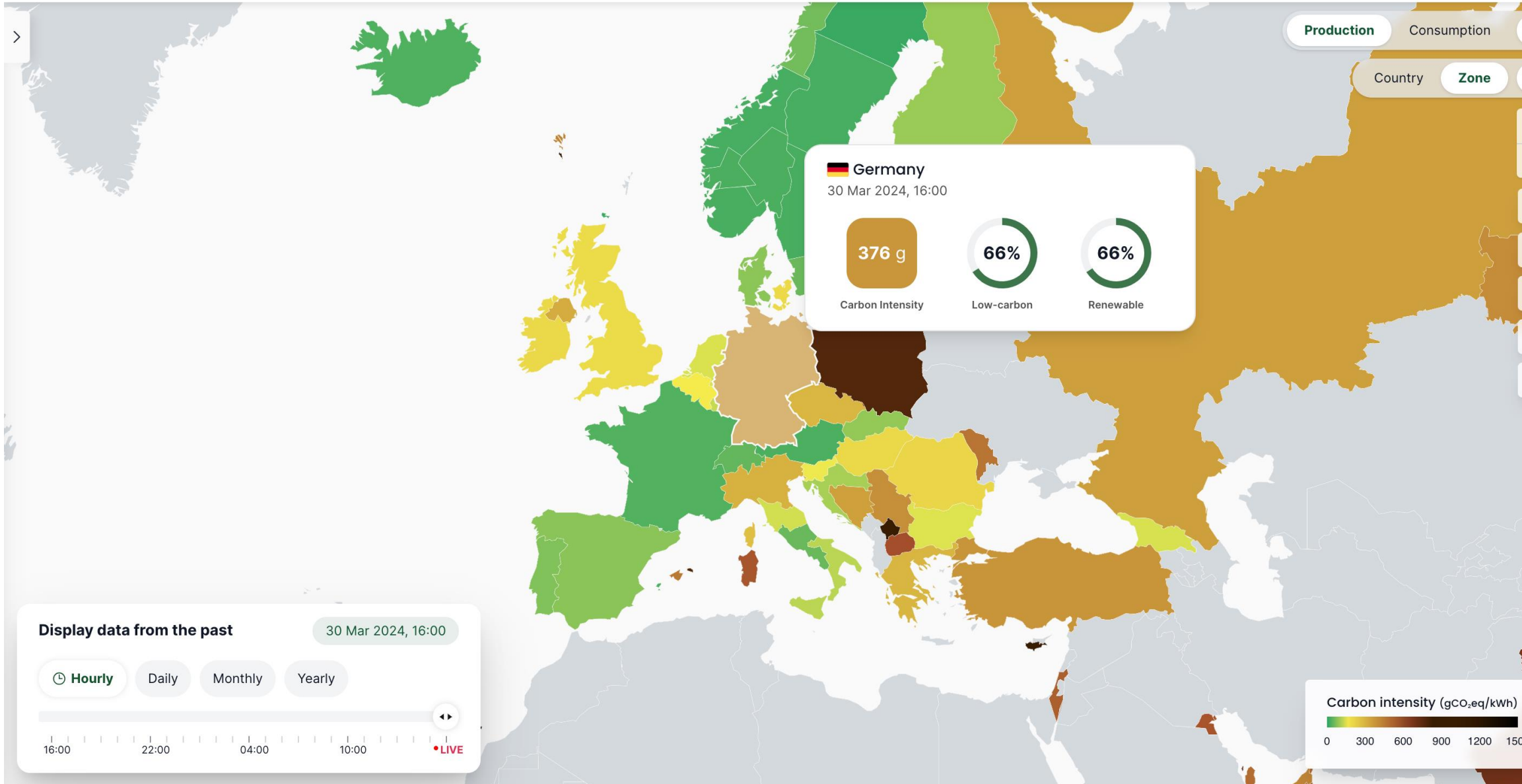
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- Volcanoes discovery
- Null school – Ventusky – Windy
- https://www.blitzortung.org/en/live_lightning_maps.php (live lightning maps)
- Electricity maps <https://app.electricitymaps.com/map>
- Wind generation - <https://windeurope.org/about-wind/daily-wind/>
- Piracy <https://www.icc-ccs.org/piracy-reporting-centre/live-piracy-map>
- Live traffic jams <https://www.waze.com/en-GB/live-map>

<https://app.electricitymaps.com/map>

- computed from publically available data, published by electricity grid operators, official agencies, and others.
- areas on the map are coloured by the amounts of greenhouse gases that are emitted for each unit of electricity consumed (its carbon intensity).
- The greener the colour, the more climate-friendly the electricity consumption is
- You can click on an area to see more specifics on the origins of its data.
- Change parameters to see hourly, daily, monthly, and yearly carbon intensity







← **Germany**

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Carbon Intensity
gCO₂eq/kWh

66%

Low-carbon

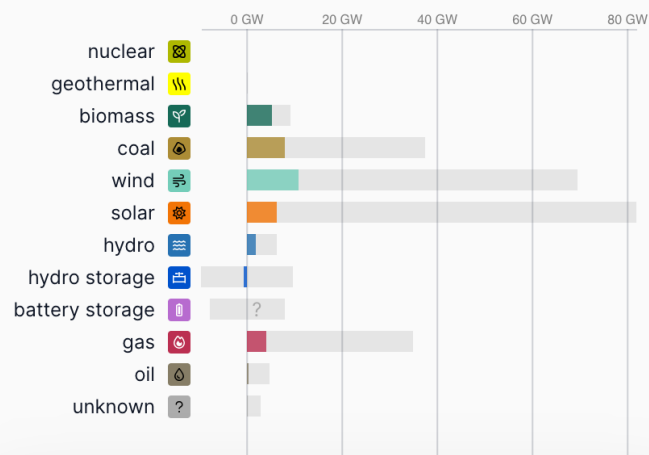
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Renewable

Electricity Production

Carbon Emissions

Electricity production by source



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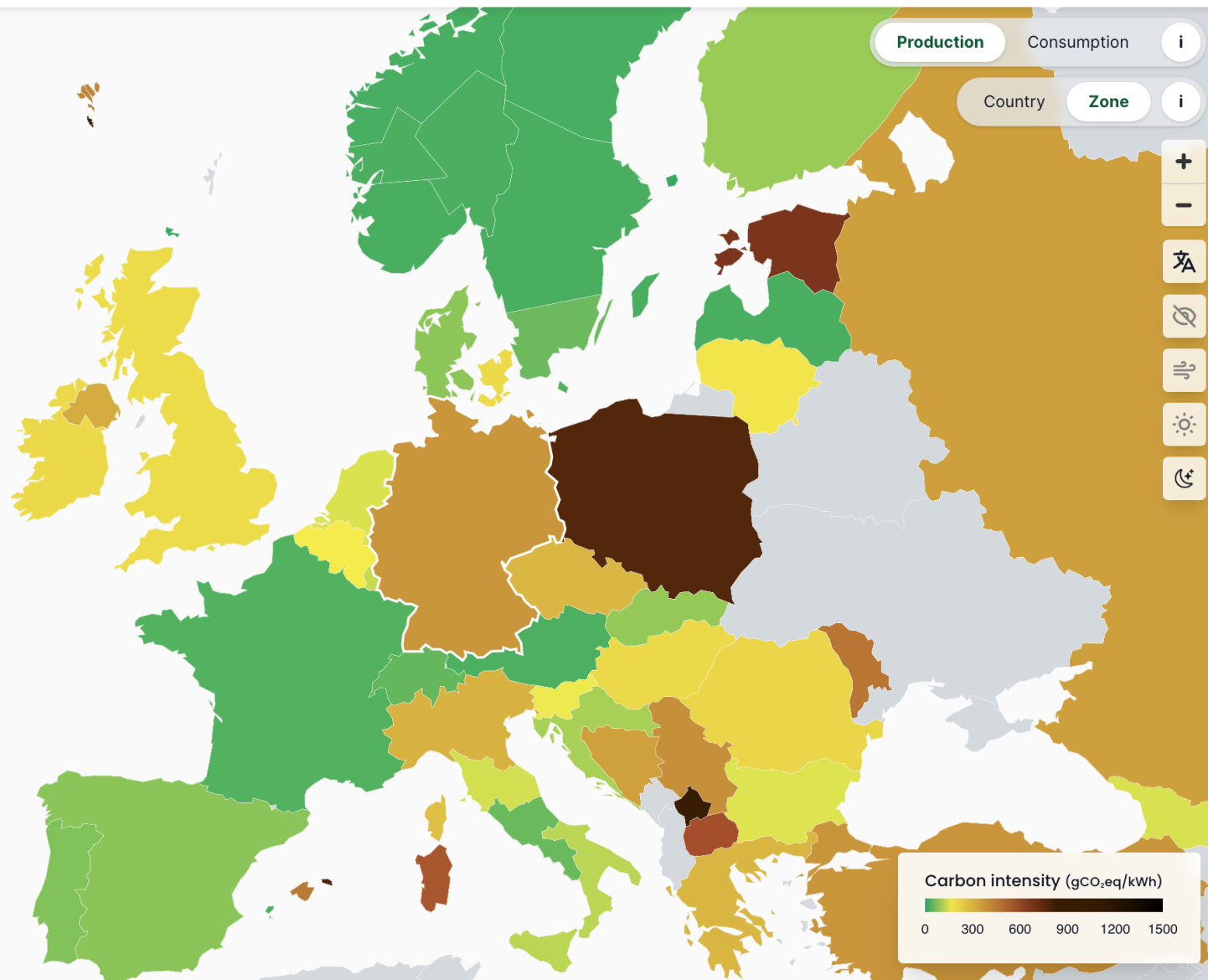
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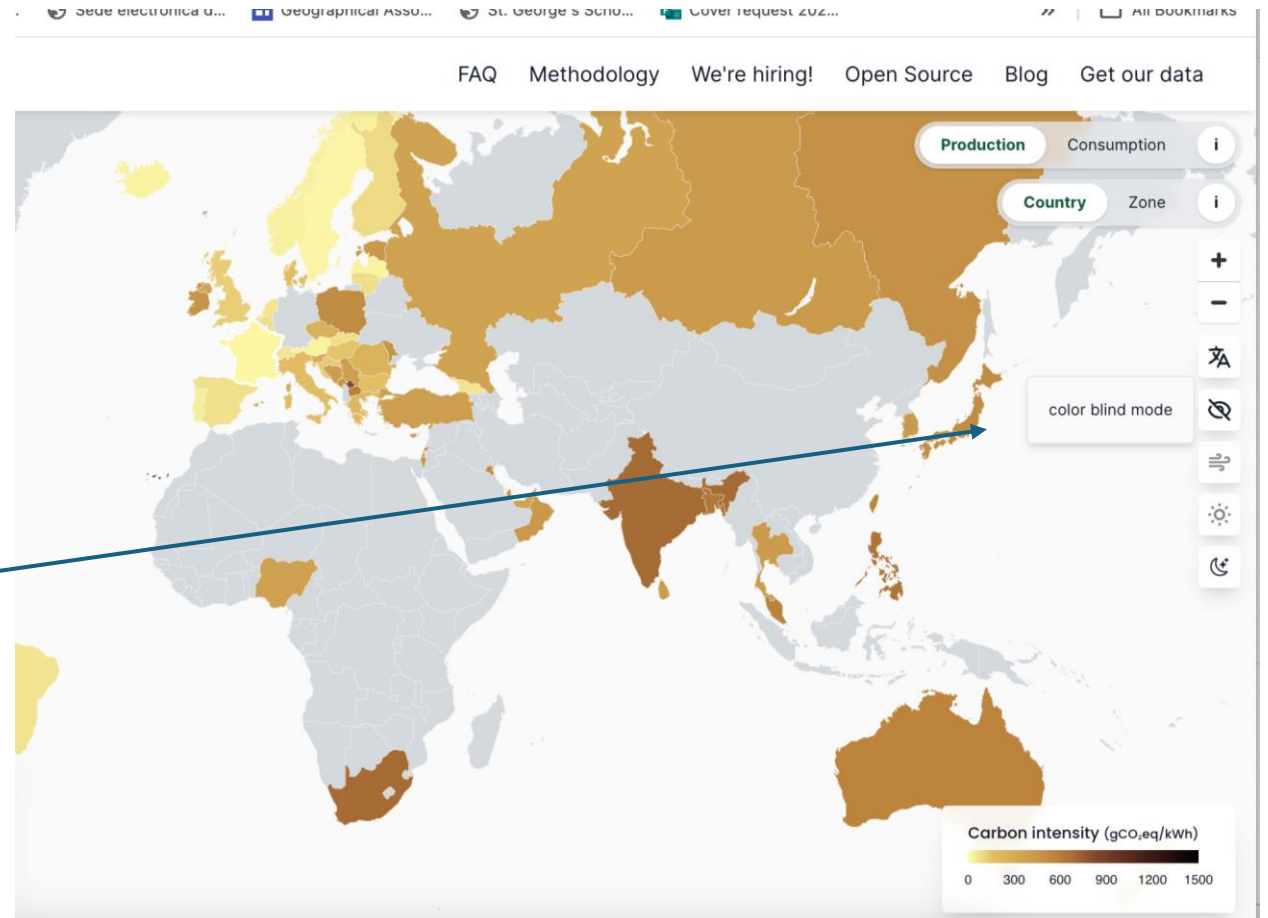
Monthly

Yearly



I am colour blind. How can I read the map?

You can change the colours displayed in the map by enabling the “color blind mode” setting. It is located on the bottom of the left panel on desktop and in the information tab on the mobile app.



Use

- Use electricitymaps.com to teach topics such as energy resources, distribution networks, and environmental impacts.
- Encourage students to explore real-world scenarios and propose solutions to energy challenges.
- Facilitate discussions on sustainable development, energy security, and global climate change policies.

Syllabus links – some examples

GCSE:

AQA: 3.2 Section C

OCR B: Component 2 – Resource Reliance

Edexcel A: Issue 3 - 6.2 The patterns of the distribution and consumption of natural resources varies on a global and a national scale

Edexcel B: Component 3 – Topic 9 : Consuming energy resources

Cambridge IGCSE: 3.5 Energy

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Using GIS to look at issues

Air pollution in the West Midlands

School's Active travel plan

Using Sentinel Hub to observe the ongoing



 Home

 Explore

 Notification

 Messages

 Lists

 Communities

 Premium

<https://wm-air.org.uk/blog/2023/08/31/introduction-to-air-pollution-resources-for-schools-ks3-4/>

- WM-Air have released an air quality resource for educators, “*Introduction to Air Pollution: Resources for Schools (KS3-4)*” which is a series of lesson plans and teaching resources aimed at introducing and explaining air pollution as a social and environmental challenge to key stage 3 & 4 students (some sections adaptable for KS5). The resource can be downloaded via the form on the website above.
- This resource was designed by researchers at the WM-Air programme at the University of Birmingham (in conjunction with external subject experts and educators), with the aim of supporting teachers in raising awareness and geographical understanding around air pollution and its risks for public health. Designed with the current curriculum in mind, the programme covers knowledge around air pollution, its sources and its impacts within the context of the key skills required by secondary school geographers. Lessons include the opportunity to present and interpret air pollution data and to formulate geographical report. The document is designed as a series of lessons complete with information, tasks and exercises, but lessons and exercises also function as standalone resources as needed. An answer booklet is also provided to support marking.



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Additional Section 4: Geographic Information System (GIS)

Additional task produced by Robert Lang (King Edwards Camp Hill Gils School) with support from Katie Hall (Esri UK), using data supplied by WM-Air (University of Birmingham).

Lesson 1: Creating an air pollution map

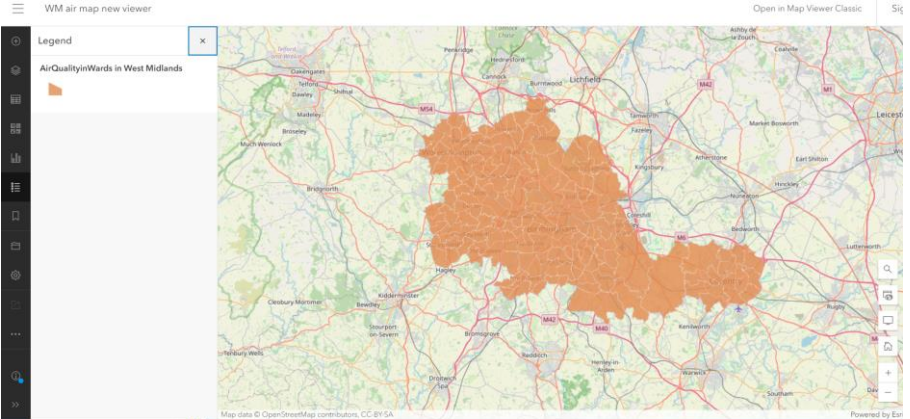
The annual mean concentration is the average amount of pollution in the air for a whole year. This is important because pollution levels can change depending on factors like weather, seasons, and location. Looking at the average pollution over a year gives a better idea of how polluted an area is.

You can create a map of this data and then add additional layers to see if there are any patterns and potential reasons.

- **MAPs pre loaded with all the layers needed for the task**
- **No sign in needed**
- **Using real data**
- **Aimed to develop some GIS skills such as symbolising data and overlaying layers to see patterns**

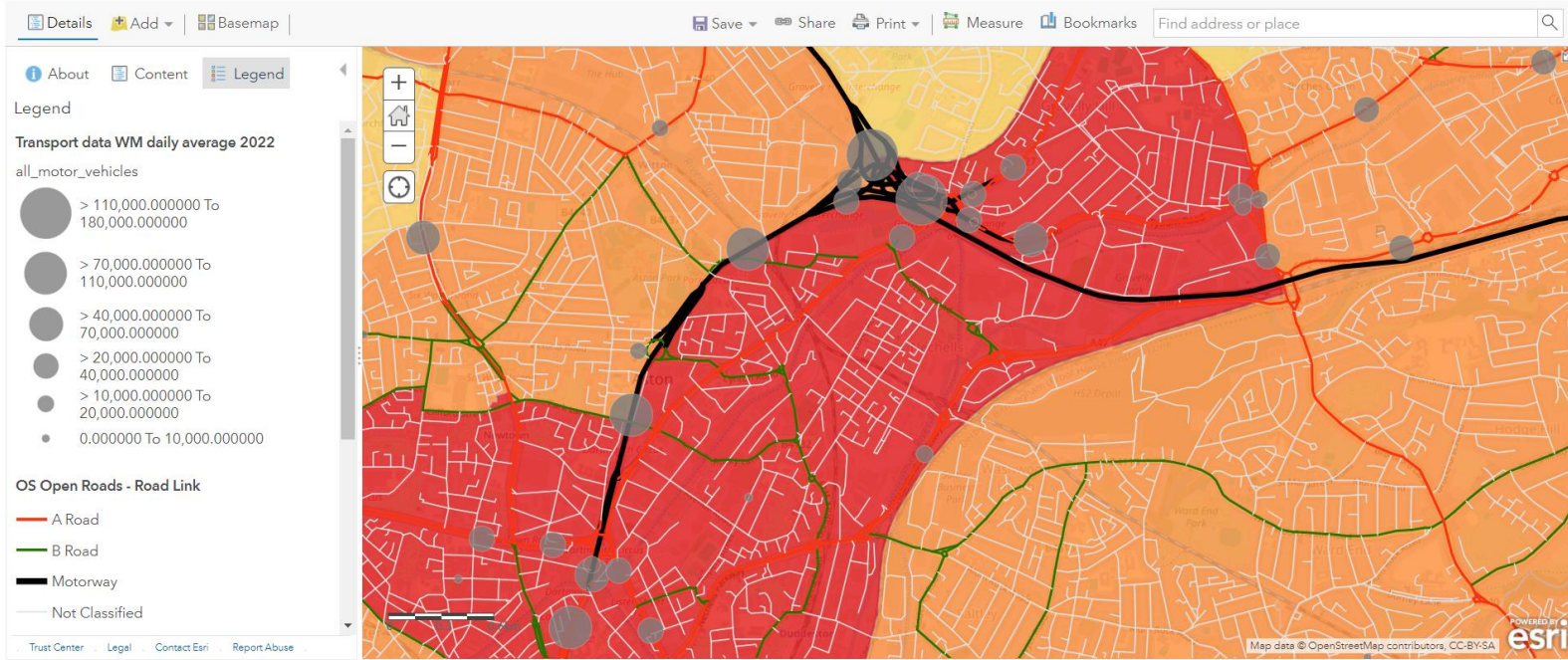
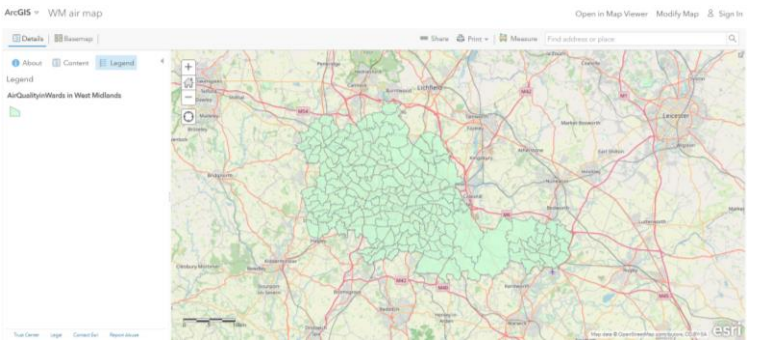
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ArcGIS WM air map

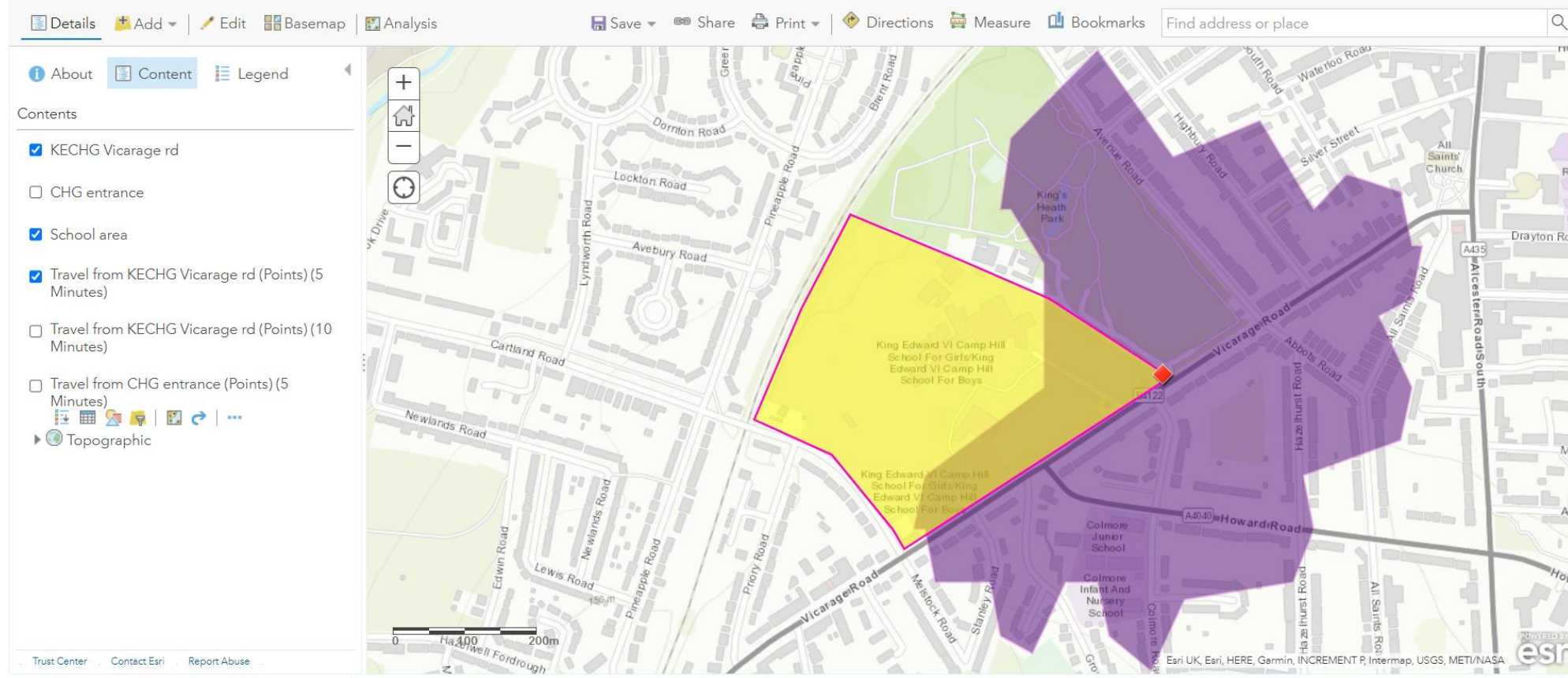
Open in Map Viewer New Map Sign In



Active travel plan in school

Home ▾ Sustainability group map [✎](#)

Open in Map Viewer [New Map ▾](#) [Chris ▾](#)



5 Minute walking form Vicarage Road KECHG entrance

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How can everyone breathe new life into old maps? GIS and disciplinary knowledge

Aims:

To demonstrate how GIS can help to develop **disciplinary knowledge** (how we know what we know) about tectonic plate boundaries.

Brendan Conway

Geography teacher (+ GIS; ITT, ECF)



@GIPedagogy Erasmus+ Project



Geographical Association ICT SIG



Tutor2U



@mildthing99

Further resources: [GIS Maps for Learning](https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/2ebd0ba970094e56b36f092b10e5b36b)

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How can GIS help to develop disciplinary knowledge about tectonic plate boundaries?

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- ‘Media Layers’ provide an easy and quick way to make GIS ‘part of the furniture’
 - Georeferencing using Media Layers e.g. historical maps
 - Basic match can be made easily
 - Use more advanced tools to achieve greater accuracy
 - [Guide video showing how to add a media layer](#)

Example:

- **Tectonic hazards**

‘Getting our bearings: geography subject report’ Ofsted 2023 Recommendations include...

- *‘Plan procedural knowledge into their curriculum in the same way as they do substantive knowledge, so that pupils make progress in their ability to use different geographical skills. In secondary schools, this should include the use of GIS.’*

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Getting our bearings: geography subject report (Ofsted Sept 2023)

‘Pupils’ combined appreciation of both substantive and **disciplinary knowledge** can be described as geographical understanding.’

‘When leaders had thought about **disciplinary knowledge**, we saw some stronger practice... This is because they were being taught the subject in a distinctly geographical way, whereby they layered different forms of geographical knowledge over time.’

‘Pupils’ combined appreciation of both substantive and **disciplinary knowledge** can be described as geographical understanding.’

‘Teachers can develop pupils’ **disciplinary knowledge** not as a separate topic but as pupils learn more about the substantive content of the geography curriculum. Disciplinary knowledge should be organised in the curriculum so that pupils learn how geographers question and explain the world. Sometimes this is described as ‘thinking like a geographer’.’

‘In schools where this was strongest, pupils were taught explicitly about how geographical knowledge is gained and how what we know has changed over time. For example, in one school pupils were regularly reminded of how developments in technology, such as the use of satellite imagery, were changing what we thought we knew about earth systems.’

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Tectonic plates:

From 'Telegraph Plateau'
to the Mid-Atlantic Ridge

Chart of the submarine
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Proposed Submarine Telegraph from Washington to Paris



Upper line

Upper line

Entered according to Act of Congress in the Year 1858 by W.J. Barker

*AGENTS wanted in Every Town to sell our Chart.
Great inducements.*

Engraving of Maps, Charts, Machinery of Every Description, also Coloring & Mounting by
W^m J Barker N^o 23 North 6th Str. Philadelphia.

Chart of the submarine Atlantic Telegraph (1858) by Barker, Wm. J. (William J.) (Surveyor)



1830s:
**Electric
telegraph**
invented

1838:
**Morse
code**
invented

1840s: Michael Faraday
discovered the value of **gutta-
percha** as an insulator.

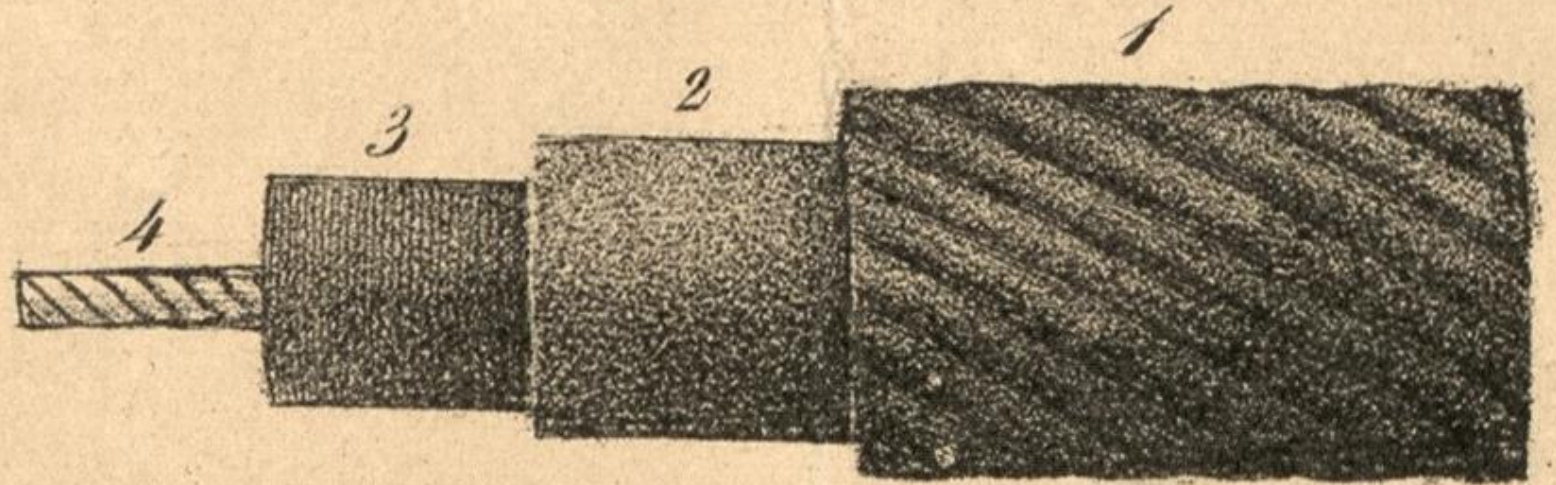
1845: First use of **gutta-percha**
to insulate telegraph wires.

Gutta-percha is a naturally occurring thermoplastic latex derived from trees native to SE Asia and Australasia:

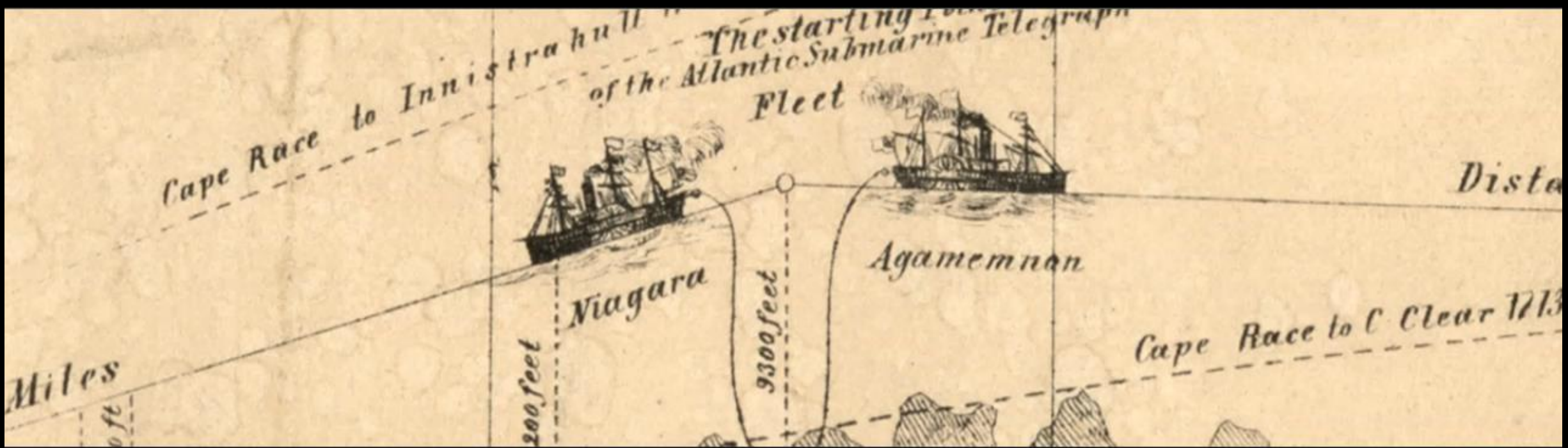
- A polymer which forms a rubber-like elastomer
- Crystalline structure > more rigid than latex rubber



End view of Cable.



*Side view of Atlantic Cable, with the
Covering laid bare, Natural size. 1. Coa-
-ting of 18 wires 7 strands each 2 Rope
& yarn soaked in Tar. 3. **Gutta Perche**
3 coats. 4. Telegraph wire 7 in number.*



Atlantic Submarine Cable 1858

How did the pioneers of telecommunication accidentally discover the Mid-Atlantic Ridge?

A BC map



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Side view of Alouatta palliata, with the
following list here: Alouatta palliata, 1. One
of the 7 species with 7 legs
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of the 7 species with 7 legs

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Tectonic Plates: Atlantic Submarine Cable 1858 [Summary]

- 1858 historical map georeferenced using Media Layers in ArcGIS Online
- Shows knowledge of ocean floor by mid 19th century
- Compare with up-to-date layers e.g. Imagery; Ocean floor; tectonic plate margins
- Analysis with GIS to create Elevation Profile of original cable route
- Compare 'Telegraph Plateau' with Mid-Atlantic Ridge to inform disciplinary knowledge
- Provide insight into ancestry of telecommunications and Internet geography
- Compare with current cable routes and legacy e.g. heritage tourism in [Valencia, Kerry](#)
- [Atlantic Submarine Cable 1858 \(Story Map\)](#)



How can everyone breathe new life into old maps? Links

Further examples

- [Media Layers collection by @mildthing99](#)

Guides

- [Add media layers \(Esri Guide\)](#)
- [Announcing Media Layers for adding images to web maps \(Guide by Mark Harrower of Esri\)](#)

Useful sources of historical maps

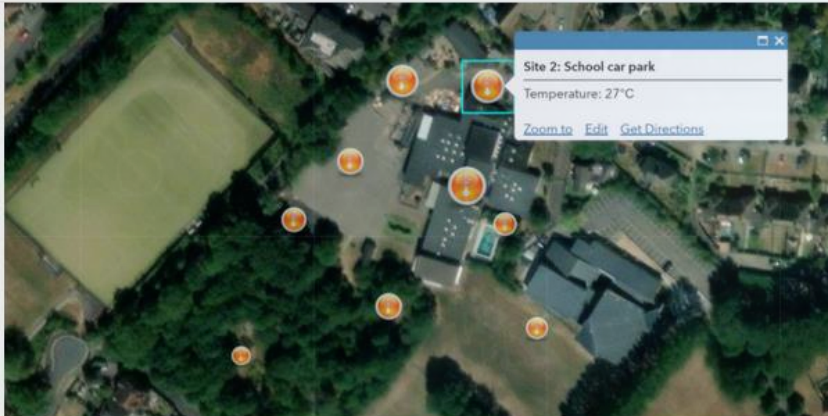
- [The National Archives](#) @UkNatArchives
- [National Library of Wales maps](#) @NLWales
- [National Library of Scotland Maps](#) @natlibscot
- [Public Record Office of Northern Ireland \(PRONI\), official archive for Northern Ireland](#) @PRONI_DFC
- [Teesside Archives](#) @TeessideArchive
- [North Yorkshire County Record Office online catalogue](#) @nyccarchives
- [Essex Record Office](#) @essexarchive
- [Kent Archives](#) @kent_archives
- [Chester Beatty art museum](#), Dublin Castle @CBL_Dublin
- [Library of Congress maps](#) @LOCMaps

Fieldwork links

- [Investigating change in Local High Street \(FSC\) KS2](#); [Secondary Data for CBD \(FSC\)](#) @FieldStudiesC

How mapping and the use of GIS enrich geographical thought and action

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“learners... need to use maps, GIS and atlases to identify, plot and represent features, and to examine spatial decision-making by people (including themselves and their families) and organisations.”

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